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th) through the years KV students have been very successful in many areas of life. We wanted to take some time to recognize these people and share with you their advice on how to become successful.

John Bell - Academics, Band, and Drama Club.

He feels his greatest accomplishments are in music, acting, and academics. His advice to others is, "Work hard, and always finish what you start."

Patti Yaeger - Band and Cheerleading. She feels that success comes when you achieve your personal goals. Her advice on reaching your own success is "To form your own goals, and make sure you do something every day to help achieve those goals. Before you know it, you will be successful."

Aimee Brougher - Colorguard, Sunshine, and Drama. She feels that she has become successful by working hard and accomplishing the goals that she has set for herself. Her advice to others is "In the end, all the hard work pays off."

Rafi Abbring feels successful in most areas of her life. She has become successful by working hard to achieve what she wants, and also by keeping an open mind and a positive outlook. She gives the following advice to others, "You need to believe in yourself, and be willing to put the effort in to get the results. Always be proud of who you are and what you have accomplished. Remember that there are others who look up to you so set a good example for them."

Kyle Martin - Academics, Basketball, Golf, FFA, and Varsity Club. Kyle feels successful due to his hard work and encouragement from his parents and teachers. "Try your hardest, do your best, and as long as you know you

met your best, then you're successful in your mind, as just some advice that he gave to others."

Angie Ferguson - Sophomore Cheerleader, varsity, varsity cheerleader, Varsity Sunshine, and Foreign Language Clubs. Ferguson feels "I'm successful because our squad has been successful in cheerleading and we are going to District, Regionals, Nationals. I have kept my grades up with all the extra practices and with all the clubs that I am in." Some advice that Ferguson gives to other people is, "If you work hard on something you want you can achieve it."

Jenn DeYoung - Freshman Class President and is involved in SADD, Sunshine, and Music. DeYoung said, "I feel successful because I have my friends and family supporting me all the time." Some advice that DeYoung gives to other people is, "Try your hardest and never give up."

Matt Niemiller - Varsity National Honor Society and Computer Club. Niemiller said, "Yes, I feel successful through my academics, basketball, and with my family. Some advice that Niemiller gives to other people is, "Always do your best, do what you think, and not what other people think."

Amanda Alberts - Softball, Volleyball, and Sunshine. Alberts said, "Yes, I feel successful by my grades and sports. I'm a pitcher for the Softball Team, and I am trying to play Varsity." Some advice that Alberts gives is, "Do your best, don't worry about what other people think."

Danielle Karlowsky - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and Sunshine. Karlowsky said, "Yes, I feel successful by doing my homework and participating in different things such as making the Volleyball Team." Some advice that Karlowsky gives to other people is, "Do what you suppose to and have fun doing it."

Amanda Hall - Cross-Country, Basketball, and Academics. Amanda says "In a sense, I do feel successful. I've accomplished many things so far but, I plan on doing a lot more in my life." In order to be successful you need support from your family and friends and a drive to accomplish your goals.

Raimie Truman - Forehand - Drawing, Golf, and Academics. Raimie feels she is successful because she has "received many awards throughout my high school career." Raimie feels "That success comes to those who earn it. Others need to be dedicated and most importantly, they need to enjoy what they are doing in order to be successful at it!"

Jen Trock - Gymnastics, Academics, Cheerleading.



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and time. Jennifer she is successful because she has a coach that gives her all the praise and responsibility. She believes that if you "Have a positive outlook on everything you do, do your best, you have to believe to succeed."

Jesse Talley - Drama and Academics, Jesse feels successful because "I study a lot, I am at rehearsal all the time to be a dancer." Jesse believes you will become successful if you "Don't settle for less and you can achieve anything."

George Granter - Baseball, George believes he is successful because he's "Always trying to improve." His advice to others to become successful is "Keep practicing, don't give up!"

Sam Crawford - Band, Academics, having his own band, and Creative Writing, Sam feels he is successful because "I am happy with the accomplishments I have made with my band Propone." His advice to others is "Do what you want to do so you can enjoy your work."

Ryan Niemiller - Academics and some sports with the use of only one arm. Ryan advises other achievers not to quit when they find themselves behind because "When you're trying something keep at it because eventually your work will pay off."

Kevin Myers - Involved in high school band, swimming, and his own band "Propone." Kevin reminds others, "Always strive for your goals."

Susan Hinde - Involved in Chamber Youth Orchestra band, two foreign languages, and Peer Facilitators. Susan reminds achievers, "Never be afraid to try something you really believe in."

Jakob Jungels - Has continued to keep exceptional grades both during and in the aftermath of bone cancer. In simple but important terms, Jake advised, "Don't quit."

Gavin Bristol - Has worked as a library assistant, computer programmer, and helped create KVs home page on the Internet. Gavin said that anyone can easily become successful by following a successful formula: "Search until you find something you're happy doing. When you find that thing, work at it and enjoy yourself."

Josh Fernandez - Drama Club. Josh feels he is successful by "Just being active in different clubs." Josh's advice to others is "Don't hold back any skills you have, use your talent the best you can."

Luke Flory - Cross Country. Luke considers himself successful because his coach Walter Prohins has made him that way. To become successful, Luke says "Join a sport where Walter Kiefer Prohins is coach."

Keith Wallace - Cross Country. Keith considers himself to be successful because of all his dedication and practice. Keith says to become successful "Listen to your coach."

Jennifer Kaluf - Volleyball and Basketball. Jennifer believes she is successful because she has accomplished many of her goals. Jennifer's advice to others is to "Set your mind to it and anything is possible."

Jason Vanderwoude - Soccer and Wrestling. Jason feels he is successful because he has won many soccer awards. Jason believes that if you "Practice hard and do your best, then you will be successful."

Rachel Kaper - Academics and Volleyball. Rachel believes she is successful because she "Has achieved everything she wanted." Rachel believes that if you "Work hard and be dedicated, you are successful."

Aaron Shellborne - Basketball. Aaron feels successful because of "Lots of practice and good coaches." His advice to others to become successful is "Listen to your coach, he knows best."

Doug Ruehl - Junior Class President, Soccer and Tennis. Doug feels he is successful because of "Lots of practice and good grades." Doug believes you will be successful if you "Work hard, don't give up."

Tom Swafford - Football and Wrestling. Tom attributes his success to "Hard work and lots of practice." He believes if you "Try your hardest and don't give up" that you will be successful.

Kvan Hoffman - Basketball. Kvan does not think of himself as being successful but says "To become successful you must study hard and practice."

Brent Kaper - Cross-Country and Wrestling. Brent has become successful by just doing what's best. He says "To become successful you have to do your homework, study, and practice."

Kevin Zukley - Life. Kevin has considered himself to be just a little successful by "Feeding his Wheaties and brushing and flossing regularly." His advice to others is "Don't take anything too seriously."

Stephanie Barton - Academics. Stephanie's advice to others is to "Listen well, practice, and do your work." Compiled by The Spirit Staff.



**KV MEASURES SUCCESS
IN DO'S NOT DON'TS.**



TOP QUALITY

Kougar Pride
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Kankakee Valley High School
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Enrollment: 1,013
Males: 522
Females: 491

School Colors: Red & White
Mascot: Kougar



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TOP QUALITY

Throughout the existence of KV, students and staff have excelled all over the world. Mention KV to anyone who attended KV and they'll be glad to tell you of the strong spirit and pride that flows throughout the school.

From Cheerleading to Spirit Club, from Academics to Wrestling, and everywhere in between, athletes, and academicians had a **TOP QUALITY** attitude.

Top Mental and Physical training provided the school with **TOP QUALITY** performances, including the Marching Band's Division I rating at Regionals, Cross Country team finished 8th and 10th respectively at Semi-State, the Boy's and Girl's Cross Country Team followed Amanda Hall to State where she finished 25th, and the Volleyball team hit sweet sixteen.

Encouraging these **TOP QUALITY** performances were the KV faculty including Who's Who recipients: Mrs. Kathy McKinney, Mr. Bill Orsburn, and Mrs. Kristi Slaby, students, parents, and community who held pep sessions and honored their school through awards and fundraisers. The hard work and large amounts of time spent at practices and the **TOP QUALITY** performances provided the student body with more than just a trophy, it gave them the pride and reputation of a **TOP QUALITY** North Central Accredited school.

Right: Gathering together for a picture after receiving a Division I rating at the Marching Band Regional Competition are John Bell, Mary Ahrendt, Joe Pinto, Patti Yeager, Maria Giloth, Paula McIntire, Helen Hicks, Susan Hinde, Liz King, Kevin Getz, and Jim Shinn.



Far Right: Selling pom-poms to raise money for the Spirit Club, Nicole Harper counts her pom-poms while making sure she has just enough left for her next customer.





Looking out into the crowd during a pep session are Semi-State bound Senior volleyball players Jen Kalut, Shaanna Snyder, and Rachel Kaper.



Left: While attending the National Journalism Convention in Chicago on November 14-17, Amy Chester and Kim Jakich stopped after lunch outside of Burger King to take a very quick picture with the balloons they received at the convention. Convention Sessions provided the newspaper and yearbook staffs with educational ideas.

Above: Working on her ceramics project, Sara Lotz makes sure that her project is **TOP QUALITY** in order to enter it in the art competitions held for the 100th celebration of Rensselaer's Court house.



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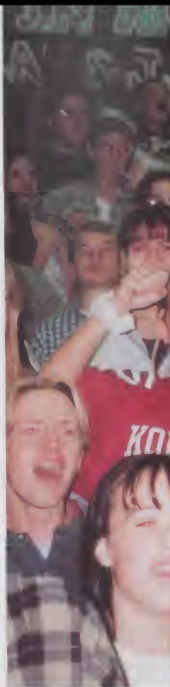
In order to show **TOP QUALITY** students and staff continued to support the Community Spirit initiated by the Student Council. After a successful fall food drive and support of a Christmas Angel Tree program which helped 55 children have a merrier Christmas, Student Council members activated the school's giving spirit once again through the Winterfest Toy Drive. A Food Drive was also conducted in the spring.

In addition to Community support, students earned **TOP QUALITY** through numerous awards including Jen Trock who was named Miss Perfect Teen, Sam Crawford who won the Hugh O'Brian bid and Mike Nannenga who received a West Point nomination from Representative Buyer.

In December there was a benefit blood drive held for Sandy Middlekamp, a bus driver who was afflicted with cancer. Senior Ricky Heck donated bone marrow to his younger brother. Mr. Hoover sponsored a senior food drive. Through it all a sense of Kougar Pride and **TOP QUALITY** filled the halls.

While education was a key part of student lives, they were also busy with school activities and work. Although this took up much of their time, students still found time to have fun and support their teams who were striving hard to accomplish **TOP QUALITY** goals and personal bests.

Adding a blood donor sticker to Credit Union rep Charlene Huwe. Sunshine volunteer Martina Plopper earns service points at the Dec. 6 blood drive for Sandy Middlekamp. Melissa Howard also helped the donors including Brad Murray who was refueling on cookies.





Left: "Staying Alive" screams from the wall as Sophomores Burn the Devils at the Homecoming pep session.

Below: Awaiting the beginning of Chicago's "Toficazze" parade. Journalists Elizabeth King, Leslie Gentry, and Joshua Nelson check out the Chinese dragon on State Street in front of the Chicago theatre on Nov. 15.



Center: Reading science fiction relaxes Academic Decathlon member Angie Head who also participates in drama.

Left: Flanked by counselors John Michael and Mary Lund, Sam Crawford receives congratulations for his Hugh O'Brian selection.



QUALITY FUN

Books were just the common denominator for 180 days of learning, sharing, testing, caring, growing, and having fun.

From Mr. Apple's Nerd on a Bike to Sunshine's appreciation breakfast, Kougars developed the importance of community. T-shirts identified everything from Metallica's Top American Music Award to the various club members and team affiliations.

As the year progressed, students brought their books, pens, pencils, and paper in order to be properly prepared for each one of their seven classes which lasted approximately 48 minutes each.

With second semester starting off with an over crowded 4th hour study hall and over crowded lunches, the 1,013 students learned to cope with the changes of rescheduling. Another 4th hour study hall was scheduled to correct the overcrowding.

With Mrs. Eckert leaving school to have her baby, Mr. Hamilton in the service for the 1st nine weeks, and Mrs. Klockow, the new art teacher, who took the place of Ms. Benham, students had to adjust to the difference in grading and to the style of teaching.

At the start of the second semester, Mr. Post's Economics classes were given the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker's presentation who gave students 3D glasses. The presentation was a filmstrip which mainly concerned future education.

Due to 3 1/2 snow days, the only possible make-up days were spent in school, the yearbook and newspaper were behind in deadlines, and the Senior class was happy because they would still graduate June 1.

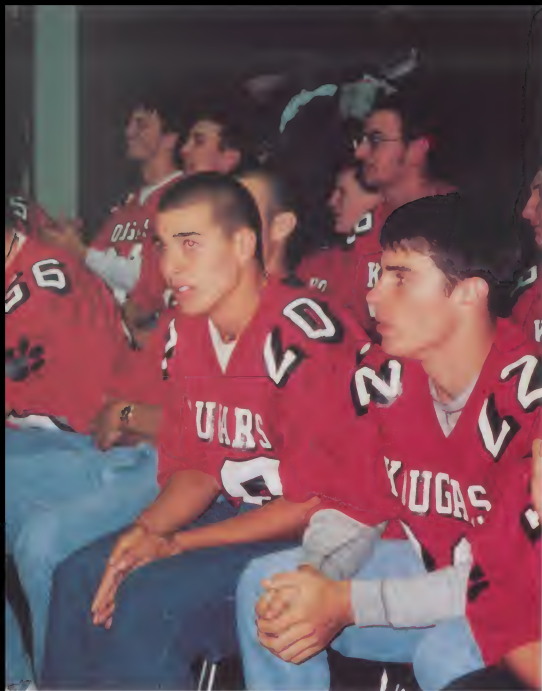
On December 20, the student body boycotted lunch because of the rumor that lunch prices were to be raised. In January, Mrs. Schroeder announced there would be no increase.

Along with the Fall Play "Rumors", the drama club presented the play "Guys and Dolls." Through it all **TOP QUALITY** reigned.



Library assistant Amber Mickliff prepares to denagratize books so that they do not keep when Sue Elynn Jones, Jen Baird, and Josh Oliver leave the library. All Sophomores are required to have a hearing test. Mike Shultz was tested for his hearing by Mrs. O'Rourke.





Looking out at the crowd on the football team was honored at a pep assembly was Tom Swafford, Lance Culp, and Justin Carden.

Facing up the crowd for a Homecoming Pep session, Mr. Apple rode a motorcycle through the gymnasium.



Due to snow and blowing winds and drifts, road conditions were too dangerous to attend school which was closed for 3 1/2 days. Determined to finish their spreads on time for the deadline, Rich Anderson, Josh Nelson, Monique Grevenstuk, and Tiffany Laurnis work into the night.

KOUGAR KLASSICS

From the time they were Kubs to the time when they became Kougars, students participated in a number of events. With a wide variety of activities to choose from, it was hard to find a time when students were not participating in a club or sport. With all of these activities to choose from, students were given an opportunity to participate as well as cheer on their favorite team: The Kankakee Valley Kougars.

Despite the Kougars being defeated by the Lowell Red Devils at the annual Homecoming game, the Kougars fans still cheered on their teams with as much support as they had for all of the other Kougars teams. Holiday Spirit netted smiles for children and teens alike as 55 children received gifts from giving students. Spring brought Honors night on May 30 and Graduation on June 1.

With many students earning scholarships for their excellence in sports and academics, student jobs also played a vital role in their path to success.

As students participated in these events, they showed the community their **TOP QUALITY** Klassic Kougars attitude.

Right: Just moments after being crowned the '97 Homecoming Queen, Senior Steph Stobber circled a pose. Below: Junior Colter as Steph Pratt and Lisa Cooper waited for their turn to present Steph with a rose.

Below: Decorating the French Christmas tree with ornaments made by the French students was Sarah Hilde.



Above: Representing the top 5% of US Cheerleaders, eight members of the Varsity squad participated in Nationals in Dallas, Texas.

Left: Getting in some extra practice time before the big meet were Tom Swafford and Bill Perkins.



Resting her sore ankle while keeping her clarinet warm, Patti Yaeger waits patiently before performing the Star-Spangled Banner at the Homecoming game.

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Keeping the
Kougar Spirit
alive are
members of Kay
Lynd Myers
and Varsity
cheerleaders
Jennifer Trock,
Stephanie
Cochran,
Angela
Ferguson, Heidi
Tuckabay,
Melissa Banks,
Jennifer
Spurgeon, and
Kari Deardorff.



Leading Kougars as they run onto the field are Dave Hancock and Kyle Hanley.

One of the many responsibilities of football manager Tracy Robbins is to help quench the players' thirst by passing out water bottles. She has been football manager for two years.



Homecoming week:

Kougar Inferno:

BURN BABY BURN!

Monday: 8:00 AM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM

Thursday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:00 AM

It started September 30, 8:00 AM. Many spirited students were dressed and ready to launch the Kougar Inferno: Burn baby burn with 70's day. The halls were decorated with spirit. Powder Puff players practiced hard. Varsity football players practiced harder. Cheerleaders cheered the whole school on. Homecoming court members were nervous about being nominated for the Homecoming court. Clubs were busy creating floats for the annual parade. Throughout the hallway one could hear the sounds of the 70's on 70's Day, Lullabies on PJ Day, Elevator music on Fun Formal Day, Driving tunes on Jersey Day, and on Friday they played a mix. Students and staff decorated fourth hour class doors for the contest. At the pep session on Friday, there was a great spirit felt throughout the crowd. All were excited for the game, and full of suspense of the new homecoming queen. Winners from the pep session were: Lip Sync: Sophomores, Dressed-up the most: Seniors, Formal Day winners: Kelli Orsburn and Mike Greshaw, Spirit Stick: Seniors, Hallway Decorations: Seniors, and Banners: Seniors.



Juniors displayed their spirit on the Junior Class Float for the parade.

The Kougar band always keeps the crowd full of spirit. Homecoming was no exception.

Spirit club initiated the game through running the track and releasing balloons.



It was October 4, 6:30 PM, cold and dark. A gloomy day for Homecoming. Despite the chill in the air, Kougars fans were loyal in coming to see the Kougars pounce on the Lowell Red Devils. When the lights illuminated the field, the dreary weather seemed to disappear.

Spirit club members initiated the game through the releasing of balloons. Homecoming court candidates and escorts were freezing as they had their pictures taken. The line to get into the game stretched far into the distance. The band performed, the color guard swayed, the cheerleaders cheered, the football players played, the fans bundled up. End of the first quarter, KV and Lowell tied with nothing on the score board. Kougars fans cheered.

Second quarter began. Odorous smoke filled the air with the scent of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Although hardly anyone wanted to get up, the concession line was extended beyond the normal length. Fans scattered all along the gates as far as the eye could see. Lowell scored a touchdown and gained a point for the punt. Score 0-7. Halftime.

The band kicked off the ceremony with the Lion King's "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," and the Corvettes drove a semicircle around the field. Drivers dismissed the Homecoming queen nominees and their escorts who then walked through a gateway formed by the color guard's flags. Overhead a man told about each candidate and her escort.

As each couple gathered at the visitors' side of the field, the suspense of the new queen built. Stephanie Soto was honored. Soto was escorted by Andrew Mills and her brother Tony. After the announcement, Soto was presented with the traditional crown and bouquet, along with 75 red roses which were given one at a time by friends and faculty who shared the sadness of the recent tragedy of her father's death. The band played on as fans shared in her tears.

After halftime, the Kougars football players were filled with renewed energy and spirit. End of the third quarter, and Kougars were down 0-14.

The crowd kept cheering all through the fourth quarter in hopes of a touchdown. On that dark and dreary night, Kougars fell to the Red Devils, 0-28. The negative feeling was lifted as the band took the field and performed its first place Regional program, "Shades of Green."



Jennifer Kalut; Ron Cates



Jennifer Pco; Andrew Steele



Ivan Hoffman; Rachel Kaper



Andy Mills; Stephanie Soto

1996 Homecoming court: Jennifer Pco, Andrew Steele, Ivan Hoffman, Rachel Kaper. 1995 escort Dustin Bennett, 1995 queen Jennelle Bailey, Andrew Mills, Stephanie Soto, Ron Cates, and Jennifer Kalut. Back row: Steve Cochran, Mina Fritze, Scott Roelis, Nicole Van Vuren, Nicole Ryan, and Mike Bozell.





Ernesto Gonzalez and Dean Sparks, along with the rest of the senior class, waited in line to present Stephanie Soto with a red rose of congratulations.



Mike Barnett showed his spirit on P.J. day, but that didn't affect his concentration on his atomic mass chart in Physical Science.

Homecoming queen Stephanie Soto was presented with the traditional crown and bouquet of roses by Principal Mr. Apple.

Riding on the FFA float during the Homecoming parade are Cassie Inman, Jeremiah Rushmore, Steve Koselke, Sean Murray, Jerry Fraley, and Nicholas Prater.

KOUGAR INFERNO
BURN BABY
BURN!!

POWDER PUFF:

RED VS. WHITE

RIVALRY TRADITION

Are the jerseys in yet? What are we going to wear for pictures? Can the photographer be delayed or rescheduled for tomorrow? This was the opening scene for the annual powder puff game that was played during Homecoming.

It looked like the tradition might be broken due to a couple major complications. The jerseys were late coming in to the school, and many feared that they might not make it in time for the game. Seventh grade practice jerseys were used for the annual photograph. Finding coaches was another problem. Most teachers did not want the responsibility of coaching that one night. Coaches that came to the aid of the Juniors and Seniors were Mr. Weever, a student teacher, and Ms. Boos a new English teacher.

Annual rivals were all ready for the game. Many of the Juniors knew what tradition had given Seniors the edge for five years. "It's a tradition Seniors seem to win all the time!", remarked Megan Gentry. Even though they knew this fact, the Juniors went out and played with the best of their ability.

Seniors on the other hand expected victory. "It is fun having all the people there working together, pumped up, and ready to win," recalled Senior Andi Rust.

The game started on the school's football field at 7:30 on October 7. Hundreds of people packed into the stands and cheered on both sides as the two teams entered the field. They all quickly warmed up and went over a few last minute plays, said a few quick memorable words and kicked off the game. Seniors won the coin toss and within five minutes had already turned in a touchdown by Sandy Kapella for 50 yards. Juniors enthusiastic faces soon turned grim as they feared the inevitable. At the end of the first quarter it was 6-0 Seniors.

By the second quarter it was evident that the Juniors had settled down and were not going to take this game lying down. Senior sidelines were focused on winning and playing a good defense. Within a few minutes Junior Laura Norris scored her first touchdown. On and off throughout the game scoring would continue until the end of the game when the Seniors pulled ahead with a touchdown with one minute left on the clock at the end. Seniors ran the clock down and were victorious once again with a score of 26-20.

Bubbling with enthusiasm over the Powder Puff game, Juniors Karine Sutton, Heidi Bricker, Kiki Kirsilewski, Tonya Nuss, Rachael Woods, and Jennifer Baggerly await the big game.

While waiting for the game to begin Jerilyn Sherman and Amy Schultz gather for a quick moment of their first game.



Before the big game the Juniors listen to Coach Weever's quick pep talk.

Enjoying Victory, Seniors Nicole Hunsion, Jen Pico, Amber Kulut, and Cassie Inman stop by McDonald's.

During the game, Juniors Laura Norris, Diane Watson, and Mr. Weever go over a few big plays that they are going to use for the game.



HOLIDAY SPIRIT

BRINGS STUDENTS; STAFF TOGETHER

Holiday spirit transformed the "Give me" generation into the Giving generation. During December students and staff came together to help many in the community. One of the most popular projects students worked on was the miracle tree. It was a tree with the names of 55 children who needed gifts. Requests ranged from toys to clothes. To help these children, students in fourth hour classes picked a child's name from the tree and raised an average of \$40 for gifts. "I thought the Miracle Tree was an interesting project. It brought the Christmas spirit to the classroom. The best part was the knowledge that we were helping the people from our own community who otherwise couldn't afford gifts," said Senior Stephanie Barton. Gifts were collected and distributed by DeMotte Women's Club President Myma Dunn.

Students and staff also held a spaghetti Dinner for local Bus driver Sandy Middlecamp who was diagnosed with cancer. In spite of all the support from the School and community, Sandy passed away on December 22. She left behind her husband, son Ryan and a daughter.

Other activities included a food drive which was on the last day of school before Christmas break. Students brought in can goods or \$1 for admission into the student staff breakfast at which donuts, milk, and juice were served. For entertainment the school's jazz band performed Christmas songs.

Caroling to elementary schools and local nursing homes was done by Foreign Language Club, Pioneerz, Peer Facilitators, Drama Club and Sunshine Society who also stuffed over 200 Christmas stockings for the support staff and the needy. Rounding out activities, the French class decorated the Language Center's Christmas tree in traditional red and blue cones, and the Future Homemakers Association spread cheer to area senior citizens through the distribution of fruit baskets.

Thanks to clubs like these many people in the community benefited from the 'Giving Generation', and the holidays brought out the true meaning of Christmas in everyone.

Brad Murray helps keep the holiday spirit alive as he portrays Santa Claus during the student staff breakfast.

Amanda Ivasiecko and Amy Stephens get their donuts during the student staff breakfast, which was held the last day before Christmas.



Cheerleaders Jennifer Spurgeon and Danni Murray show how much money they have collected for the food drive. Seniors Hallie Apple and Angelee Abring help decorate for the Sunshine dance.





Sunshine President Norma Haan, Angela Terborg, and Christie Kamiaski decorate a table in preparation for the Sunshine dance.



During his study hall, Senior Ron Cates helps decorate the French Christmas tree. By December 13, the area under the miracle tree was covered with gifts.

HOLIDAY
SPIRIT

An "Unforgettable" Evening For Students

Scene for the annual Junior-Senior Prom started as much of the school population scurried to find dresses, tuxedos, and accessories. As Prom goers prepared for the big night on May 17 at the Porter County Expo Center, a Prom Committee had to be selected as well as scenery and themes had to be chosen. The scenery was a sky line background with a terrace restaurant which had plants and vines enveloping it. Theme was "Unforgettable" by Nate King Cole and the main song was "You Were Meant For Me" by Jewel. "We started planning for Prom in December. It took a long time and a lot of hard work. It was worth it though once I saw how much fun everybody had," said Martina Plopper.

When all of this was taken care of, ticket sales began. The sale ran for two weeks with prices ranging from \$45 for Senior couples to \$55 for Junior couples. It was also \$55 for anyone who went to another school or wasn't a Junior or a Senior.

Prom sponsors Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Steiner decided to do special things. One was to have a post-prom party at a local recreation center, Inman's in Valparaiso, and the other was to have valet parking.

Doors opened at 6pm with valet parking in full swing. As 334 Prom goers entered the building, they were greeted by sophomore class members who escorted the couples to their tables and gave them a card with their picture time.

At 7:00 dinner consisted of chicken breast, roast beef, noodles with Alfredo sauce, green beans, and salad. After dinner the Junior Prom Court and senior representatives for Prom Queen and King headed out to the dance floor. King was Mike Nannenga, who said, "Being Prom King was a huge surprise for me. I was really honored, and would like to thank everyone for making my Prom unforgettable."

Queen was Angelee Abbring who said, "It was the greatest honor to be crowned Prom Queen. I never dreamed that something like this could happen to me. I wish to thank everyone for their votes. It means a lot."

Prince was Dave Hancock who exclaimed "I enjoyed being Prince because it was a new and exciting experience." Princess was Martina Plopper.

"Being Princess was a great honor for me. It was a super experience which I very much enjoyed." When the ceremony was over, the king and queen had their first dance. Dancing was done by all and at 9:00 Prom packages containing glasses, mugs, key chains, and photo albums were distributed. By 10:00 Prom goers were allowed to sign out and leave.

One hundred and twenty three people went to the post-prom party at Inman's. For \$15 students could bowl, play laser tag, play pool, go go carting, miniature golfing, and use the batting cages. Also at the party the students were eligible to win prize packages valued at \$15 or more. Major winners were Alana Zarembo who won a television and Angelee Abbring who won a \$100 mall gift certificate. "Post-prom was a good way to unwind in a fun way," said Joey Knudsen. At 3:15 am students were allowed to leave Inman's. "Prom was a lot of fun. Where else can you look really nice and act really goofy," said Mary Ahrendt.

Showing one of the many games that were available at post prom, Josh Fernandez, Amber Vankley, and Amice Beougher demonstrate how to play laser tag.

Taking a time out Todd Mooienaar, Valerie Williams, Michelle Smith, Chadd Smith and Chris Bonner, pose for a quick picture.

Taking a break from dancing Prince and Princess Dave Hancock and Martina Plopper relax.





Waiting for dinner to be served, Samantha Delvecchio and Beth Strong get a few last words in.

Playing one of the many arcade games at Inman's, Dave Walstra tests his abilities on a car racing game.



Prom Court! Front Row: Martina Plopper, Karen Jonkman. Row 2: Kyle Hamstra, Dave Hancock, Jason Granter, Bill Frey. Back Row: Sara Kreischer, Mike Nannenga, Angeles Abbring, and Valerie Williams



Awards Highlight Evening



National Honor Society

Norma Haan

Michael Nannenga

President Michael Nannenga

Treasurer Kimberly Bult

Angelee Abbring, Mary Ahrendt, Hallie Apple, Jason Bakker, Stephanie Barton, Holly Bristol, Ryan Cornet, Katie Deardorff, Sara Eenigenburg, Nicole Funston, Norma Haan, Amanda Hall, Ivan Hoffman, Melissa Howard, Cassie Inman, Melanie Jonkman, Donna Kamminga, Rachel Kaper, Michael Nannenga, Matt Niemiller, Matt Norris, Cynthia Odle, Lauren Smith, Shanna Snyder, Steph Soto, Angela Terborg, and Sherry Whitford.

Charles A. Halleck Memorial Scholarship

Norma Haan

Jasper County Art League Award

Jimmy Stamper

DeMotte Junior Women's Club Scholarship

\$250 Kyle Martin

\$500 Angela Karch

Navy College Fund

\$30,000 Jeff Ramey

DeMotte-Kankakee Valley Rotary Scholarships

\$500 Jason Bakker and Cassie Inman

Wheatfield Masonic Lodge #642

Katie Deardorff

40&8 Nursing Scholarship

Paula McIntire

Andrea Hyatt Memorial Scholarship

Kimberly Bult and Rachel Kaper

Saint Joseph's College

\$18,000 Christine Bonnama

\$6,000 Amy Chester and Amy VanScheper

Northwest Hoosier Conference Academic Team Awards

Amanda Hall, Angelee Abbring, Ivan Hoffman, Ryan Cornet, Matt Niemiller, Katie Deardorff, Shanna Snyder, Norma Haan, Mike Nannenga, Mike Bahnerth, Angela Terborg, Mary Ahrendt,

Holly Bristol, Rachel Kaper, Lauren Smith, Melanie

Jonkman, Luke Flory

Athletes of the Year

Amanda Hall and Mike Bahnerth

Pioneerz

Aimee Brougher and Sandy Kapella

Academic All State Athletes

Jamison Smith, Mike Bahnerth, and Jamie Patrick

Chad Middlecamp Vocational Scholarship

CJ Cochran

Johnson Memorial Fund

\$1000 Stephanie Barton, Kimberly Bult, Rachel

Kaper, Paula McIntire, Michael Nannenga, and

Devin Simmons

Academic Honor Awards

Angelee Abbring, Mary Ahrendt, Hallie Apple, Jason Bakker, Melissa Banks, Stephanie Barton, Courtney Belstra, Aimee Brougher, Holly Bristol, Kimberly Bult, Ryan Cornet, Katherine Deardorff, Sarah Eenigenburg, Norma Haan, Amanda Hall, Ivan Hoffman, Melissa Howard, Cassie Inman, Melanie Jonkman, Christie Kaminski, Donna Kamminga, Rachel Kaper, Angela Karch, Michael Nannenga, Matthew Niemiller, Matthew Norris, Cynthia Odle, Kelli Orsborn, Ambica Serocinski, Jamison Smith, Lauren Smith, Shanna Snyder, Angela Terborg, Amy VanScheper, Sherry Whitford, and Valerie Williams.

President's Award for Educational Excellence

Michael Nannenga, Rachel Kaper, Matthew Niemiller, Sarah Eenigenburg, Amanda Hall, Hallie Apple, Angelee Abbring, Katherine Deardorff, Matthew Norris, Norma Haan, Jason Bakker, Kimberly Bult, Ivan Hoffman, Shanna Snyder, Cynthia Odle, Melissa Howard, Sherry Whitford, Lauren Smith, Melanie Jonkman, Cassie Inman, Courtney Belstra, Mary Ahrendt, Jacob Rohder, Stephanie Barton, Holly Bristol, Ryan Cornet, Donna Kamminga, Angela Terborg, Nicole Funston, Christine Bonnama, and Michael Bahnerth.





Hoosier Scholar Awards

\$500 Michael Nannenga and Rachel Kaper
DAR

Jason Bakker

Tandy Technology Scholars

Michael Nannenga, Rachel Kaper, Matthew Niemiller, Amanda Hall, and Hallie Apple

Ball State University Presidential Scholarship

Katie Deardorff

Butler Certificates of Scholarship

\$5000 Ivan Hoffman

\$3500 Holly Bristol

\$3000 Ambica Serocinski

Calvin College Dean's Scholarship

\$3500 Jason Bakker

Indiana University Wells Scholarship Nominee

Michael Nannenga

Purdue University Valedictorian Scholarship

Michael Nannenga

Purdue University Certificate of Recognition

Katie Deardorff, Sarah Eenigenburg, Melissa

Howard, Cassie Inman, Michael Nannenga,

Cynthia Odle, Karen Deardorff, and Jacob Rohder.

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Honors
Scholarship

Matthew Niemiller

Trinity Christian College Scholarships

Angela Terborg and Norma Haan

University of Southern Indiana

Kimberly Bult and Donna Kamminga

Valparaiso University Awards

Holly Bristol and Melanie Jonkman

Vincennes University Blue and Gold Scholarship

Paula McIntire

Technology Awards

Jason Bakker, Brandon Caldwell, CJ Cochran, Joe

Coffer, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, Luke Flory, Dean

Sparks, Josh Whitson, Matt Norris, Joe Kopanda,

Tom Simpson, Andy Mills, Adam Roorda, Mike

Mak, Greg Gorski, Jason Call, Joe Coffer, Mike

Krooswyc, Ed Ooms, and Bill Bertoni

Foreign Language Club Scholarship/Award

Melissa Howard, Jason Bakker, Kimberly Bult, Sarah Eenigenburg, Matt Norris, Mary Ahrendt, Amanda Hall, Rachel Kaper, Norma Haan, and Katie Deardorff.

Journalism Awards

Amy Chester: Outstanding Post Tribune, Scholarship: \$500, Quill & Scroll honor cords, and four year Kougat head.

Science Awards

Cindy Odle, Rachel Kaper, Lauren Smith, Tobie Junge, Luke Flory, and Mike Nannenga.

Drama Awards & Scholarship

Bill Perkins, Mary Ahrendt

Thespians: Amanda Roorda, Ambica Serocinski, Christie Kaminski

Over 400 hours: Cynthia Odle, Aimee Beougher, and Dana Clark.

Over 800 hours: Sherry Whitford and Hallie Apple.

Over 2000 hours: Jason Bakker

Speech Awards

Dana Clark

Art Awards & Scholarship

Jeff Ramey, Tara Patterson, Tony Culig, Adam Hart, Leah Marshall, Jon Coffer, Tim Schanlaub,

Jason Bailey, Jimmy Stamper, Hallie Apple, and Angela Terborg. Overall TJ Maxfield.

Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Michael Nannenga and Angelee Abbring

Kankakee Valley FFA Scholarship

Cassie Inman

Kankakee Valley Teachers Association Scholarship

\$1000 Jamison Smith

Super Seniors

Mike Nannenga, Rachel Kaper, Jason Bakker, Matt Niemiller, Katie Deardorff, Amanda Hall, Kelli

Orsburn, Todd Moolenaar, Jamie Smith, Cindy Odle, Kim Bult, Lauren Smith, Aaron Klemp, Jeff

Lauritis, Cassie Inman, Hallie Apple, and Melissa Howard.

Foreign Exchange Recognition

Jan Hobza and Tobie Junge

Recognition of 4.0 or better

Michael Nannenga, Rachel Kaper, Matt Niemiller,

Amanda Hall, Sarah Eenigenburg, Angelee

Abbring, Hallie Apple, Shanna Snyder, Katie

Deardorff, Jason Bakker, Norma Haan, Matt Norris,

Kim Bult, Melissa Howard, Sherry Whitford, Ivan

Hoffman, Cindy Odle, Lauren Smith, and Melanie

Jonkman.

Senior Cords

Michael Nannenga, Rachel Kaper, Matt Niemiller,

Amanda Hall, Sarah Eenigenburg, Angelee

Abbring, Hallie Apple, Shanna Snyder, Katie

Deardorff, and Jason Bakker.

Perfect Attendance Award

Tammy Kay

Valedictorian DeMotte State Bank

Scholarship

Michael Nannenga

Salutatorian Bank One Scholarship

Rachel Kaper





Awaiting their classmates entrance, Kari Deardorff and Pat Dean are all smiles on June 1: Graduation Day.



Entering the gym for the final time as Kougars, Jill Vanderwoude and Jason Stevens depict the solemn occasion.

Joining 19 classmates who accumulated above a perfect 4.0 GPA, salutatorian Rachel Kaper and Valedictorian Mike Nanninga await the moment of their speeches and their final, "We're outta here."





Graduation

honors 207

on June 1

Cool and cloudy did not daunt the spirit of 207 Kougars who entered the gymnasium for their final time all together as the class of 1997.

These are the best years of your life emanated from salutatorian Rachel Kaper who challenged her classmates not to just live, but to be alive. Instant gratification may not always be the answer to personal and communities' problems. Looking at the future she reiterated "We are the future."

Topping the class was Mike Nannengaw whose speech centered on the importance of putting God, family, and friends foremost in their lives. He challenged his classmates to succeed in whatever endeavor they choose and to live life one day at a time.

Closing the speeches Class President, Rachel Kaper turned to classmate Bill Perkins who said "We're outta here."

Remembered with a red rose, an empty chair and a photo, classmates Andrea Hyatt and Chad Middlecamp became part of their graduation ceremony.

Diplomas were issued by School Board member Bill DeVries with congratulatory handshakes by Principal Apple. The class flower was a red rose which was distributed by members of the junior class.

The class motto was "Do not follow where the path leads. Rather, go where there is no path and leave a trail."

Class colors were red, black and white. Class sponsors were Mrs. Pat Price and Mr. Jerry Hoover.

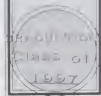


Listening for their names to be announced, Andy Mills, Andy Meeks, and Mike Medina await their moment behind Mr. Heid.

Displaying National Honor Society's gold cords and Presidential Honor awards, Amanda Hall and Norma Ivan reflect the excellence displayed by the class of '97.

Joining the brass section for the last time, Mark Kachic, Todd Moolenaar, and Mary Ahrendt play "Light Eternal" in honor of the graduates.

Accepting his diploma, Ryan Cornet receives congratulations from school board member Mr. Bill DeVries.



QUALITY: SECOND NATURE

While teachers set high expectations for their students, the students expected and received the same Quality in return.

Heather Carey, French teacher, represented the teaching staff as its outstanding teacher. Mr. Post boosted the Economics program through information from an economics seminar in downtown Chicago. At risk Coordinator Ann Krejsa and counselors Mr. Hughes, Mr. Michaels, and Mrs. Lunde attended counseling conferences which focused on remediation techniques. Liz King won a writing award for an article she wrote for the newspaper about pork. Computer teams placed 2nd and 5th at competitions.

With English classes reading novels, math classes making quadrilaterals, students had an opportunity to fill their minds with added knowledge. History classes reported current events at the start of each class period. Science classes were working in the labs on various projects while the Biology class dissected fish and frogs. Valparaiso University Crime Lab was available for students to learn how the police force catches criminals. Home Economics classes continued to carry life-like baby dolls to get the feel of what having a real baby would be like.

During passing periods, students had five minutes to use the restroom or talk to friends before sprinting to class after the last minute bell rang.

Whether studying a novel in English or solving problems in math, the goal of the student body became **QUALITY: SECOND NATURE.**

Right: As their Biology final, Special Education students Mike Miller, David Rivera, and Billy Taylor clean up the courtyard.

After careful measuring, Cindy Odle tests her solution to be sure that the chemicals were measured equally and accurately.



While waiting for their next customer to buy Sunshine Dance tickets, Angela Terborg and Norma Haan work on their homework.

Right: Working on her project for Mr. Adams' Junior English class was Jen Moyer as Leah Martin looks on.





Taking time to accurately enter information, Robert Barnes completes his final practices in Mr. Ladd's computer applications class.

Academics Quality: Second Nature

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| 26 Art | 40 Home |
| 28 Band | Economics |
| 30 Guard | 42 Math |
| 32 Business | 44 Technology |
| 34 Choir | 46 Science |
| 36 English | 48 Social |
| 38 Foreign | Studies |
| Language | 50 PE/Health |



Expressions of Art

"This is a class that lets you express yourself," commented Shirley Clark while adding a few final touches to her potter's wheel project. Ceramics students learned many things from using the potters wheels, to creating pots by hand.

Photography students learned the basics of photography. In Fibers, students utilized the decorative use of cloth that involved painting, dying, weaving, rug making, macrame, plastic canvas, and basketry. Mrs. Miller, who has been teaching for 25 years, taught Intro. to art, Painting, Fibers, Ceramics, and Photography. On April 7 she celebrated her 70th birthday.

Mrs. Klockow started out her first year teaching Design, Drawing, and Printmaking. She joined the art department, after her departure from Donovan, Illinois. In her fourth year of teaching art, She said, "I have always wanted to teach at an Indiana school."

The art department had the liberty to enter their art work into Jasper County Court Houses 100th anniversary and Project XL which was sponsored by the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Twenty-nine entrees were entered into the Regional High School Art Exhibition which was sponsored by Mc Donalds. Out of the twenty-nine entrees, only three students got Awards of Excellence: Jacob Jungels, David Rivera, and Gina Shanks.

V I S U A L A R T S

"It represents
who I am."
-Tony Culig



AFTER STUDYING THE artist Louise Nevelson, Edith Love patterns a sculpture after her work. Center: WHILE DECORATING THEIR masks, Bill Perkins and Raminie Truman-Forehand add some finishing touches. Top: ART STUDENTS USED various forms of materials for their projects as Max Mc Clan demonstrates using soap.



VISITING THE ART department, Corner art student Shary De Young shares new techniques on oil painting.

CELEBRATING HER 70TH birthday and her silver teaching anniversary, created a special year for Art teacher Mrs. Miller.



Visual Arts Department

Intro. To The Art
Design 1,2
Fibers
Drawing 1,2
Printmaking
Painting 1,2
Ceramics 1,2
Photography 1,2



CHINESE ARTIST MR. Hiroshi Nakashima teaches the students about Chinese art.



"Shades of Green"

"Start Over," "Set," were just a few of the commands heard by the Marching band. All the two minute drills, morning practices and long trips paid off. The band won a Division one at Districts, which sent them to Regional for the first time since 1980. They also won 1st place at Chesterton High and Highland High School. The season started with North Putman and continued with Bremen, Concord, Chesterton, Highland, ISSMA Marching District, North Judson, ISSMA Marching Regional.

Concert Band won 1st place. Concert band played Light Etmal, Overture in a Classical Style, Mission Impossible, and American Symphony. Concert Band played at graduation, concerts throughout the year, and at contest. The Concert Band and Orchestra performed their best contest to date, said Mr. McCarthy.

Orchestra competed for the first time ever and won 1st place in doing so. Orchestra played at a contest and at concerts along with the Concert Band and Jazz Band.

Big Band Bash was a huge success on May 16. The cafeteria was packed and not enough tables or dance space were available due to the over abundant amount of people. Lots of money was raised to support the Marching season next year.

Jazz Band had a great season too. They won many awards, and held a competition at KV which also raised money.

May 20 was the awards banquet where awards were given to Band and Guard students. Korey Colfer won Outstanding Freshman. Lisa Kutscher won Outstanding Sophomore. Samatha Delvecchio won Outstanding Junior. Mark Kachic won Most Improved Concert Band. Rachel Sears won Outstanding Colorguard. Jim Shinn won Spirit award. Elizabeth King won National School Orchestra award. Patti Yaeger won Outstanding Marching Band Member. Kevan Myers won Outstanding Concert Band Member. Matt Kovach won Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. Aaron Klemp won Patrick S. Gilmore Award. Todd Moolenaar won John Philip Sousa award.

Winning their "K.V." letters were Missy Will, Nick Boersma, Angie Heid, Lisa Kutscher, John Lerner, Kevan Myers, Jennifer Penniga, Jim Shinn, Mary Sterk, Leila Pollard, Dawn Veld, Patti Yaeger, Kendra DeVries, Sam Crawford, Matt Kovach, Joe Poole, Kim Rice, April Vankley, Amy Chester, and Holly Bristol. Field Commanders who won pins were Elizabeth King, Mary Ahrendt, and John Bell. Seniors got Plaques and Nancy Bonnemae gave them all pictures of the seniors.

ON THE WAY to Logansport, Mr. McCarthy decides to take a little snooze

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FAR RIGHT SENIOR Amy Chester gets her uniform adjusted one more time

DURING A BASKETBALL game, Kevan Myers, tunes his guitar.

AFTER WINNING 1ST place at Highland High School, Elizabeth King, John Bell, Amee Beougher, and Mary Ahrendt show off the trophy





JAZZ BAND FRONT row Nick Boersma, Chadd Smith, Valerie Williams, Susan Hinde, Todd Moolenaar. **Row 2** Dawn Veld, Elizabeth King, Natasha Wall, Tim McCarthy, Director, Helen Hicks, Matthew Kovach, Kevan Myers, Sam Crawford, Jim VanBlaircom, Scott Roelofs, John Lerner, Nathanael Wall, Jeff Misch, Aaron Klemp. **Back Row** John Bell, Jim Shinn, Marla Gluth, Mary Ahrendt, Corey Colfer.

ORCHESTRA FRONT ROW: Sarah Chalik, Sarah Battista, April Vankley, Mary Sterk. **Row 2:** Jennifer Penninga, Mary Ahrendt, Nathanael Wall, Natasha Wall, Missy Will, Kim Rice, Elizabeth King, Marla Gluth. **Row 3:** Kevin Getz, Kendra DeVries. **Backrow:** Simon Flory, Sean Oatis, Jim VanBlaircom.



CONCERT BAND FRONT row Amy Chester, Helen Hicks, Patti Yeager, Christy Bonnema, Valerie Williams, Elizabeth King, Dawn Veld, and Jennifer Penninga. **Row 2:** Amanda Grady, Jennifer Berry, Kim Strehler, Nicole VanVuren, Susan Hinde, Rosie Kamminga, Leila Pollard, and Kathy Pollock. **Row 3:** Keith Jolink, Bryan Beougher, John Bell, Marla Gluth, Jim Shinn, Corey Colfer, Jason Sonntag, Todd Moolenaar, Mary Ahrendt, Jim VanBlaircom, Kevan Myers. **Row 4:** Sarah Acuncis, Natasha Wall, Lisa Kutscher, Kathy Gunter, Nick Boersma, Nick Spriggs-Hall, Chadd Smith, Sam Crawford, Scott Roelofs, John Lerner, Nathanael Wall, Jeff Misch, Aaron Klemp. **Back row:** Tim McCarthy, Director, Matthew Kovach, Karen Bonnema, Samantha DeVecchio, Mary Sterk, Joao Felipe de A. Pinto, Angie Heid, and Nick Leskiw.



AFTER SCHOOL MATT Kovach and Sam Crawford practice.

Practice, Sun, & Exhaustion equal Division I rating

Sweaty. Sunburnt. Tired. 95 degrees. Can't go home until McCarthy says "Practice is over, go home," greeted Guard members who practiced Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer.

Veterans led the group through band camp. Hours for camp were 9 to 5, for five days. Practice paid off for Eleven guard members who won a Division I title at Highland High School with the program "Shades of Green." The last time the Guard won this title was in 1980.

Drama inundated Winterguard. Guard performed "Rambling Till the Butcher Cuts us Down," which was written by Ryan Miller. In that show the girls had to act angry, scared, and frightened. Guard was a group competition which took team work. "It is a lot of hard work, but at the end it is all worth it. You get to spend time with your friends and perform a great show," said Kathy Gunter.

"I've been in Guard for 4 years and I must say that I will miss Guard and the good times, as well as my friends," commented Aimee Beougher.

Both the marching and Winterguard members had to perform every weekend. They had long bus rides to and from competitions, and were usually gone all day.

Following members went to solo and ensemble: Marla Gluth who performed two miscellaneous solos with flags, sabers, rifles, or props and one swing flag solo. Catherine Grube, April Chester, and Melissa Wollard each performed a miscellaneous solo.

Catherine Grube and April Chester, Valerie Berry and Rachel Sears, and Jennifer Berry and Amanda Grady performed miscellaneous duets.

Catherine Grube, April Chester, Amanda Grady, Jennifer Berry, and Marla Gluth performed a miscellaneous ensemble. Valerie Berry, Jennifer Berry, Kathy Gunter, Amanda Grady, and Rachel Sears also performed a miscellaneous ensemble. Karen Bonnema and Amy Chester also performed a swing flag duet.

Everyone won a Division one or a Division two including Amy Chester and Karen Bonnema who performed in the absence of other guard members at the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest held at Logansport High School.

Practicing posture, Marla Gluth sets the flag perpendicular to the floor and parallel to her spine.

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"Guard is a really neat experience. I've made so many friends this year. We have a lot of fun together even though we are down each others throats! We've made it so far, I hate to see it end." Mandi Tognarelli.





DURING A PEP session seniors Michelle Smith, Holly Bristol, Aimee Beougher, Ambica Serocinski, and Freshman Mandi Tognarelli play percussion with the band.

Bottom Left: SHOWING THEIR SERIOUS anger, Guard performs "Rambling Till the Butcher Cuts us Down," during halftime of the North Judson game.

Bottom Right: PRACTICING AFTER SCHOOL, Holly Bristol works with April Chester on the Backscratcher which is a circular flag movement used in routines.



Guard Members

ColorGuard: Aimee Beougher, Holly Bristol, Paula McIntire, Catherine Grube, April Chester, Valerie Berry, Mandi Tognarelli, Frances Hilton, Missy Torbitt, Rachel Sears, Kasiidy Thomas, and Michelle Smith.

Winterguard: Rachel Sears, Holly Bristol, Aimee Beougher, Catherine Grube, April Chester, Valerie Berry, Ambica Serocinski, Missy Torbitt, Mandi Tognarelli, Kathy Gunter, Jennifer Berry, Marla Gluth, Michelle Smith and Amanda Grady



COLORGUARD FRONT ROW: Freshmen Missy Torbitt, Mandi Tognarelli, April Chester, Rachel Sears, and Frances Hilton. Back row: Seniors Aimee Beougher, Michelle Smith, Paula McIntire, Catherine Grube, and Holly Bristol.

DURING HALFTIME, SENIOR Catherine Grube concentrates on her saberwork.

Hands-On Adventures

Kougars compute business for a working future. "Having [business] backgrounds and ethics becomes helpful to students after high school," said Mrs. Zacher.

With 320 students, or one third of the high school, enrolled in business classes, it is apparent that many students are preparing for productive lives. Some take business class because they think they are "bird classes." Classes you just fly right through, but paying attention and staying on top of things will pay off. Many needed skills are taught and learned hands-on. Take Accounting, where students learn the "how's" and "why's" of planning, bookkeeping, analyzing, and interpreting orderly records of a business' activities. "What I like about Accounting is that it's going to become useful later in life, like when I go to college. I found Accounting easy to learn, and when I had troubles, Mr. Hale was there to lend a helping hand and explain in depth," said sophomore Angie Conover.

"Introduction to Business is a great class. You learn so much about things you will need for your future. . . ." reiterated freshman Thomas Hobson. Introduction to Business is a class which involves students in personal money management, banking services, how to use credit (cards, loans, etc.) wisely, and investing in the stock market. Not only is stock market taught, but students get hands-on experience by involving themselves in the market. Students follow the falls and rises of imaginary stock, which the students have picked from the daily newspaper.

Students who take advantage of the Business Department may gain knowledge and experience needed for future careers and everyday life through hands-on adventures.

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"GOL has been a great experience for me. Mrs. Zacher is a great teacher and helps to prepare you for the future."—Jen Wians Junior

"I like business because it helps me prepare for college, and for a job in the future."—Tiffany Kay Sophomore





WORKING SIDE BY side seniors Kelly Beal and B.J. Moore shift through GOL documents for Action Sports.



FORMATTING DOCUMENTS FOR GOL. Tara Patterson applies the knowledge she acquired in keyboarding.

SITTING PATIENTLY ANDREA Ketchum awaits the daily instructions from Mrs. Zacher.



Business Department

Accounting 1&2
Accounting 3&4
Applied Office Technology
AOL-Administrative Support
Business Law
GOL-General Office Lab
Entrepreneurship
Introduction to Business 1&2
Introduction to Marketing
Keyboarding 1&2
Norehand
Office Procedures
Personal Law
Record Keeping
Word Processing



EXAMINING HER WORK closely, Barb Merry cross checks her work in the text.

AWAITING HER PRINTOUT Jenny Sherman utilizes patience for a printer that often has a mind of its own.



Vocalizing Harmony

Over 150 students enjoyed choir on a daily basis. Under the direction of Mr. Darnell and accompanied by Mrs. Tiemens, students improved vocal techniques.

Parents and friends were entertained by the 40-60 Treble Choir girls who sang "Total Eclipse of the Heart" and a Beatle Medley. "I like choir because I like to sing. It's fun, and my friends are in choir," said Erika Wampler.

Performing all year, Men's Choir and Concert Choir represented an additional 50-65 members. "I enjoy choir because you need to learn to work with people in a whole group and combine into one. It also lets me show one of my better talents," said Ron Carter.

Combining music and choreography, swing choir performed Broadway, pop, Jazz and Contemporary music.

In spite of school being closed, six choir students went to all state choir. The students who went were Sara Kreischer, Kendra DeVries, Sara King, Jason Bakker, Bryan Bakrevski, and Joshua Fernandez.

All State Choir members were selected through auditions. There were 16 centers throughout the state. The students sang a solo and sight read. In January All State Choir consisted of 450 students state wide. Each choir sang, musically challenging selections.

AWAITING THEIR CUE Sara Kreischer, Marina Plopper, Emily Prange, Cathy Veden, Tiffany Yenchus, and Melissa Howard concentrate on Mr. Darnell's direction.

Jesse Talley, Sean Lapsley, Randy Gooden, Aaron Keichum, and Becky Chase, join classmates in a daily practice session.

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"I enjoy Choir because you learn to work with people in a whole group and combine into one. It also lets me show one of my better talents," said Ron Carter.





Swing Choir

Front row: Christie Kaminski, Jason Bakker, Hallie Apple, Row 2: Sara Kreischer, Laura Norris, Josh Fernandez, Mattie Cobb, Melissa Howard, Curt Henry, Melanie Jonkman, Sarah King, Emily Prange, Jesse Talley, Teresa Carr, Martina Plopper

Treble Choir

Front row: Danae Bailey, Michelle Benner, Debra Howard, Jessica Kolb, Summer Herendeen, Jessica Kolb, Melissa Arambula, Luz Arambula, Shayle Foley, Mandi Tognarelli, Row 2: Escartan DeVries, Sandy Koselke, Stephanie Krulik, Lindsey Pendergrass, Sarah Elerman, Amanda Coleman, Katelynn Myers, Christine Spizzirri, Stormy Conlev, Julie Davidson, Row 3: Amanda Hall, Amice Smith, Sarah Kennedy, Erin Boer, Amanda Mullins, Mary Walsira, Jennifer Granter, Michelle Miller, Jennifer Kopf, Chrissy Thomason, Row 4: Shavonne Abbring, Erika Wampler, Amanda Camell, Kendra DeVries, Kelly Hepworth, Alicia Wright, Shirley Clark, Jamie Evans, Kathy Wantola, Elizabeth McIntosh, Amber McIntosh, Back row: Mr. Darnell



Concert Choir

Front row: Laura Norris, Sara Kreischer, Melissa Howard, Jesse Talley, Aaron Ketchum, Randall Gooden, Teresa Carr, Stephanie Barton, Mindy Spinner, Hallie Apple, Row 2: Martina Plopper, Tiffany Yenchus, Emily Prange, Sara King, Curt Henry, Josh Fernandez, Brian Bakrevski, Cam Bales, Rachel Schultz, Norman Haan, Melanie Jonkman, Christie Kaminski, Row 3: Mattie Cobb, Jill Peterson, Stacy Recker, Kendra DeVries, Joey Knudsen, Dustin Schoonveld, Jason Bakker, Keith Nannenga, Sarah Eenigenburg, Angela Terborg, Jennifer Cutlip, Christina Polonchak, Rebecca Schreiner, Mr. Darnell



Mens Choir

Front row: Cam Bales, Duncan Davis, Zach Jesko, Keith Buckland, Row 2: Keith Nannenga, Dave Hass, Richard Hayes, Steve Cochran, Josh Miranda, Row 3: Mr. Darnell, Michael Jimenez



CHOIRS

CONCERT CHOIR
MENS CHOIR
SWING CHOR
TREBLE CHOIR

Diversity draws attention

Diversity meant change in the English department. There was a new series of books for both Literature and Composition. Mrs. Eckert left on maternity leave and Mrs. Kaminski taught in her place. "I like Mrs. Kaminski's class because she is a very good teacher and you don't only learn English in her class. She's had a very hard spot to fill and she has filled it very well," commented Ron Carter. Miss Boos joined the English staff after student teaching last Spring.

Mrs. Price's Honors class learned about the Inferno and made one with three heads out of Pound Puppies. Miss Boos' seniors made short films, edited them and made soundtracks. "Miss Boos does a great job because she relates well to us and understands us," said Sarah Fernandez.

Mrs. Kaminski's classes focused a lot on diversity in poetry. Mrs. McKinney's sophomores created writing portfolios. The class also read *Cyrano* and watched *Roxanne*, which focused on the development of inner versus outer beauty. Mr. Osburn's classes did character speeches. They took the persona of a character who gave a speech complete with a microphone.

Ms. Brown's classes had special projects on *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Mrs. Moolenaar's *Huck Finn* projects allowed students to have hands on artwork to Twain's river world. "Mrs. Moolenaar goes into great detail in everything she teaches and makes it easier for us to understand," explained Mattie Cobb.



DECIDING WHICH TOPIC to work on together, Sara Kreischer and Dave Hancock compare notes.

TOP CENTER: ASSISTING EACH OTHER in Mrs. Steiner's class, Aimee Beougher and Joey Knudsen trade different markers with one another.

ENGLISH

"Miss Boos does a great job because she relates well to us and understands us," Sarah Fernandez.

"She's (Mrs. Kaminski) had a very hard spot to fill and she has filled it very well," Ron Carter.



DURING INFORMATIVE SPEECHES in Mrs. Kaminski's Academic English, Mindy Spinner assists Mike Hoffman in his speech on the Loch Ness Monster.

CENTER: DURING A BRIEF discussion in Mr. Adam's Senior English class, Cassie Inman and Kim Bult take notes.



ASSISTING IN DECORATING the Journalism room, Tonya Fulkerson hangs an inspirational sign.

INTERPRETING DANTE'S INFERNO, Laura Norris made Syberus from three Pound Puppies.



English Department

AP English
Applied Communications
Composition
Creative Arts Literature
Drama
Honors English
Integrated Language Arts
Journalism
Literature
Mass Media
Senior English
Speech

New series brings change

Bonjour! Guten tag! Hola! In the foreign language department, new series of books were introduced, bringing forth a new way of teaching languages. "There's always good points and bad points. On a scale of one to ten, I give them an 8. I am very happy I went with this series of books. My students do a lot better orally, especially in first and second years," mentioned Mrs. Masten.

Also, there was a raffle benefiting IU! Summer Honors participants, Lisa Groet and Susan Hinde. The study program is very selective and expensive. It cost \$3,900. Each raffle ticket cost \$1.

In the French curriculum, students were able to experience many of the things French students do. In-class speakings helped the students better understand the language. Mrs. Carey was named KV Teacher of the Year.

German students cooked specialty dishes with Oktoberfest parties. They participated in skits for classwork and also for the eighth graders. They also wrote stories and drew illustrations. There were also many special projects related to the chapters.

Spanish taught the students how to speak the language. There were many cultural readings in the book that students could read to better understand life in Spain, Mexico, and other Hispanic countries. Luz Arambula commented, "Spanish is muy interesante!" Students also played Spanish Bingo to practice vocabulary words.



TRYING TO FIGURE out which was the original "klon," Kimmy Woods and Lauren Novac stare at the likenesses in each other. DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE of being a good farmer, Lisa Kutsch dances with her chickens Chrissy Thomason and Sarah Battista

LANGUAGE

COPILOTS JIM HARVEY and George Granter try to concentrate on flying the plane as stewardess Dave Hancock sings. "Call ATA, you're on vacation." DURING STUDYTIME in Spanish, Tabitha Townsend and Jeremy Croll concentrate on finishing up their work. UTILIZING HER CLASS time wisely, Jill Spurgeon studies her French.



PREPARING TO BE dismissed, Brandon Calcanaro, "Manfred," watches the clock



Foreign Language Department

French 1-8
German 1-8
Spanish 1-6



DURING FRENCH DISCUSSION, Jen Trock, Donna Kamminga, Shanna Snyder, and Susan Hinde discuss Hinde's upcoming IU Honors trip.

Values in life

Home Ec offered a wide variety of courses including sewing, child development, and cooking. Miss Wellmaker's cooking class created Pizza Fondue and Banana Cream Pie. Students also learned about the importance of nutrition. Purchasing inexpensive but healthy food was the focus of a marketing unit.

In addition to cooking, students were instructed on the use of appliances and the safety of cooking. Mary Walstra said, "The best food I've cooked was macaroni, but the worst was my Pink Peppermint Pie. I think this class has taught me to eat healthy."

In Child Development the students were taught the care factors needed for the pregnant woman, unborn child, and toddlers. It taught the stages of child development. Students in the class carried around computerized babies. They each had to agree to treat the babies like they were real ones. Jen Berry said, "I think this class is important because now I'll know how to work with kids later. I enjoyed carrying around a baby. It showed me how hard it is to go around with a baby."

Vocational child care also cared for about 20 toddlers. On an average day there were 8-12 toddlers who came to the school for nursery school. This class readied students for the real world. It taught them how to act, play, and talk to kids. "I think this class is important because I really like kids and I like to teach the kids new things every day. I would also like to run a care center so I can be around kids every day and watch different ones grow and learn," said Stacey Mitchell.

In sewing one could take clothing which focused on the care of clothing. It also taught one how to treat different clothes by their fibers and fabrics. Skirts and slacks were the outcome of a combination of sewing machine and pattern selection.

Rounding out the Home Ec program needle craft focused on counted cross stitch, needle point, and quilting.

BECOMING A GOOD cook requires following many rules. Michelle Martinez checks the temperature which is a good tip.

H O M E E C

"This class has taught me how to deal with different ages and attitudes of the children. I took this class because I'm majoring in pre-elementary education," said Catherine Grube.





BUDDYING UP WITH
their child care
assignment juniors
Becky Lovett and
Chrissy Rogers
play with puzzles
and blocks.

AROMA IS 90% of becoming a good cook
according to freshman Tia Kubachi while
cooking Pizza Fondue.

TO BE ABLE to become a good parent, a
person must be able to communicate
with children. Tara Leudtke gets a head
start in Child Care.



Home Economics Department

Foods
Clothing
Needlecraft
Child Development
Vocational Child Care
Housing
Consumer Living
Interpersonal Relations
Family Health
Family Life Education

ASSISTING SOPHOMORE VICKY Collier in
the proper way to stir the base for Banana
Cream Pie, Miss Wellmaker focuses on
technique, not speed.

EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANCE of smoke
detectors, volunteer fireman Dave Toppen
keeps the attention of Becky Hanzler and
members of Mrs. Schroeder's preschool
class.



M A T H E M A T I C S

Mathematics' Basic Images

New experiences took place in the mathematics's hall when a student teacher taught the Geometry classes. Students were taught by someone almost their own age as student Sue Ellyn Jones commented, "It was easy to relate to Ms. Pfulm because she was younger than most teachers and had just graduated herself."

Tessellations, layout of repeated shapes in a mosaic form, swept through the math hall and down into the Geometry room where Ms. Pfulm, a student teacher from St. Joe College worked with students.

Mr. Hostetler, while teaching Unit Circles to his Pre Calculus students, dusted chalk from his belongings, and Mrs. Sherwood's class laughed as she taught advanced algebra using worms in her explanations.

Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Gray held a pumpkin carving contest the week of Halloween, to demonstrate the use of reflections. Jen Wians, Shelly Myers, and Jennifer Spurgeon won 1st place in the pumpkin carving contest. Their pumpkin used the reflection of a bat for its mouth. "The project was fun and we had a great time," Junior Jen Wians commented on the project.

Honors Geometry is a lot of fun. Mr. Hostetler teaches well, and listens to his students' questions and complaints. He lets us try to argue our points when we think he is wrong and is very open minded," said Jesse Talley.

Having a pumpkin with a bat for a mouth, won first place in the pumpkin carving contest.

Getting ready for another day Ms. Pfulm prepares notes for the day's lecture.

"Honors Geometry is really easy and it's fun because I have the class with all of my friends. I've learned a lot, too." - Summer Johnson sophomore.

"I have Advanced Algebra. My teacher is Mrs. Roberts. She's a really nice teacher. If you have a question she will surely answer it for you." - Stefanie Woudema sophomore.





Mathematics

Algebra: First Year
 Algebra: Second Year
 Algebra: Tech Prep
 AP Calculus
 Geometry
 Honors Algebra
 Honors Geometry
 Intro to Algebra
 Pre-Calculus

Listening to Mr. Hostetler's lecture, Ambica Serocinski and Valerie Williams focused on advanced mathematics.

Working on a math problem, Lyndsy Musch and Dane Jalovec assist classmates Josh Neely, Lori Koutouzis, and Leo Englehart.



First place winners of the pumpkin carving contest held by Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Gray were Jen Spurgeon, Jen Wians, Shelly Myers.



Building to Success

Technology department covered many aspects of modern life. Communication systems prepared students for other technology classes by having them make smaller projects. "We have made projects such as bottle rockets," said Tom Hobson, a communication systems student. They also made small cars out of metal.

In drafting, students learned about floor plans and designing. They did isometric and three dimensional drawings. They also designed an egg drop. "Drafting teaches you a lot about what goes into designing, and how things are created," said Lindsay Musch. Computer drafting was for more advanced drafting students.

Woods, Building Trades, and Welding were other parts of technology. Woods used all kinds of tools. They used portable electric tools and hand tools. They practiced refinishing and wood joinery by making picnic tables. Welding practiced arc welding and forming joints. They practiced vertical welding joints, lap joints, and tee joints.

Building Trades taught home building. Students involved in Building Trades had a job site in Valley View Estates.

Jasper County REMC gave the Building Trade Program a loan for \$75,000 to get started on building the house in Valley View Estates. This house had a GEO Thermal heating system. This heating system was the most economical way for heating the house. The walls were built with 2 x 6's of blown insulation. The house had 1550 square feet with a two and a half car garage. It had three bedrooms and two full baths. The only appliances that were supplied were the dishwasher and a ventless gas fireplace. This one floor Ranch style house went on the market for \$119,500.

"You have to work out problems. You have to work together and agree or nothing will get done. I plan on going into construction. I enjoyed the work, and working with my hands. It was a great feeling being able to see what you have accomplished," commented Joseph R. Cofer who had a sense of pride and accomplishment after finishing the work needed to learn the trade on this house.

This is the second house that the technology class has built during its four year program. Design for the back deck was completed by the Computer drafting class and landscaping was done by the Landscaping Management class. This represented "An overview of all phases of Residential Construction," said Mr. Mulvihill.

Cooling off after a hot welding job, Bill Bertram catches the breeze behind the workshop.

"We have completed such projects as bottle rockets and a bridge," said Tom Hobson.

"It helps prepare me for my college classes," said Amanda Hall.



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In addition to hands on experience, Jamie Groen furthered his knowledge of the CAD system which is essential to architectural drafting.



Filling the rocket with water, Tom Williams and Mr. McKay prepare to set it off.

Using a welding tool, Ernesto Gonzales works on a project.



Technology Department

Architectural Drafting
Building Trades
Communication Systems
Computer Drafting
Construction
Manufacturing
Welding
Woods



Utilizing the ratio of water to thrust, Corey Dykhuizen sets off his rocket project in introduction to Technology.

Science: The Growing Subject

From learning about how to help with the organization SCROD (South County Residence Opposing Dumps) to new technology of cloning, science was a growing subject. "I think that the cloning idea is a scary one because what if someone would clone me and go out and do something bad," Amber Mickliff gestured.

"I think that cloning is not a good idea. I don't understand how ignorant some people are about cloning," said Eleana Burnaska who also believes that human cloning is being covered up by the government.

Mr. Hamilton's return brought on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry which was open for all science students. "It was a lot of fun but our chaperone couldn't keep up with our group," quoted Jeremy Swallow.

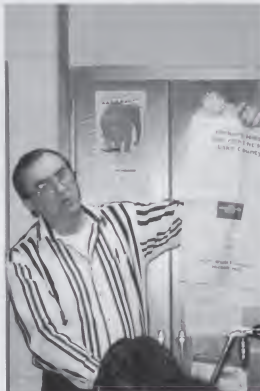
Scientific technology was right around the corner. Valparaiso University had a new science van which was visiting all schools in Northwest Indiana. The van introduced students to sophisticated scientific equipment. One example of what the van offered was that students would be able to examine evidence from mock murder crime scenes by using a combination of five instruments. Students would also be able to analyze DNA molecules.

Mrs. Prochno's first semester environmental science class wrote letters to President Bill Clinton concerning the environment. Don Korem was one student who received a reply. "It was kind of a dumb reply but it was really cool to know that he actually read the letters."

Mrs. Prochno's also took her class while water rafting. Physics classes took a trip to Great America and made toothpick bridges for one of their projects. Chemistry classes made all types of edible foods such as fudge, rootbeer, and gum.

SCIENCE

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A representative from the organization SCROD, Mr. Tony Tokarz holds a newspaper advertisement on the development of the dump Hickory Hills that the organization is protesting.

Top: In A.P. Biology, Cindy Odle removes the extra liquid from her needle before moving on to the next step in her lab project.



Left: Injecting her needle into the Gow Mac, Michele Smith awaits her results.

Bottom: Focusing in on his specimen, Mr. Marukean tells Brent Wall his view from the microscope.

Surprised that her picture was taken, Robin Howard looks up from taking her quiz.



Science Department

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Applied Biology | Chemistry 1-2 |
| Biology 1-2 | Advanced Chemistry |
| AP Biology | Honors Chemistry |
| Honors Biology | Physics 1-2 |
| Microbiology & | AP Physics |
| Mammalogy | AP Chemistry |
| Human Genetics | |
| Environmental | |
| Science | |
| Biochemistry | |
| Physical Science | |



Waiting for Mrs. Slaby, Ms. Haines and her associate to setup the crime lab, Becky Chase and Tim Ventrello sit patiently.

Key to understanding

Social Studies department may be one that might seem a little boring to most, but without history, there is no liberated America, no rights to an education and everything could become a great anarchy.

News also ties in with the department. Many of the teachers start their class off by discussing current issues. "My favorite part of International Relations is the current issues segment, I like to know what is going on," remarked Nova Shepperd.

In response to election year, on August 28, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Post took 93 students to Michigan City to hear President Bill Clinton speak. With prompting from Mr. Hoover, many students were able to shake the President's hand. Meeting the President was not the only exciting thing that happened. A 20 ft. pole with three speakers on each side fell almost injuring a student from our school, Kori Smith. Jen Peo, Paul Sherman, Mike Barnett, Stacey Anderson, Cassie Inman, and Dana Clark were a few students who helped pick the pole back up. They were also interviewed on the news.

Their involvement with the news did not stop as Mr. Hoover used his current events TV as one way to help students get involved in breaking news stories. Special historical topics included the death of six-year-old Jon Benet Ramsey, the floods in North Dakota, the death of columnist Mike Royko, the reelection of Bill Clinton, the cloning of sheep, the death of 37 Heaven's Gate cult members who believed that comet Hale-Bopp had a space ship behind it that was sent to pick them up, and the return of Larry Bird to Indiana basketball as the coach of the Pacers. These were just a few of the events which effected lives in '97.

After completing their World History assignment, Tasha Demoss and Jeff Jones wait for the bell.



S O C I A L S T U D I E S

"My favorite part of International Relations is the current issues segment, I like to know what is going on," remarked Nova Shepperd.





Getting to class early was the important aspect needed for Dane Jalovec to finish up his homework assignment.

Working together on a group project, Jenny Forbes, Steve Schoon, and Jeremy S w a l l o w accomplished the task at hand.

Anticipating the arrival of President Clinton, Angela Karch and Jenny Evans look through the crowd.



Staying after class Freshman Jennifer Williams finishes her homework

Following along in the textbook, Carley Hamsira and Scott Kearney participate in the day's activities.

Social Studies Department

World History 1-2
U.S. History 1-2 (Regular)
U.S. History 1-2 (Academic)
AP U.S. History
Psychology
Government
Economics (Regular)
Economics Academic
International Relations
Current Issues
Sociology
Workplace Readiness

Mind and Strength

Physical education was a chance to run and have a good time. This course included several team and individual activities such as tennis, golf, swimming, badminton, volleyball, basketball, tumbling and flag football. An emphasis was placed on participation rather than skill level because gym teachers realized that all students could not do all the skills.

Also written tests over rules of the different activities were completed. "I like gym because I like trying the new skills that we learn about certain sports," said Rebecca Lambert.

This course also included six weeks of swimming. Students were tested on their quickness and ability to swim. At the end of the six weeks students made floating devices out of their clothes. While treading water, students had to blow air into their shirts and pants so they could stay above the water. "I think that the swimming device showed how you would be able to stay above water in an accident," said Sarah Fernandez.

In girls and boys weights, which was an extension class from physical education, students were taught to develop strength and agility as well as cardiovascular fitness.

Health class included units dealing with emergency and first aid, alcohol and drugs, and other topics which helped students develop better health habits. A paper about an occupation and a family tree were additional projects. "Health teaches about diseases that you can encounter, such as AIDS," said Shelley Myers. "This class is important because if you don't know something about a disease you can always find it in books," said Justin Wilson.

Anatomy/Physiology introduced students to the structure and functions of systems and subsystems of the human body. A medical orientation particularly in preparation for careers in the health care delivery system was the focus.

Whether enrolled in health or physical fitness, students experienced the value of a healthy body.

PE & HEALTH

"My favorite part of gym was tumbling because it was fun and I like to do cartwheels!" said Erika Wampler.

"I love playing games like badminton and kickball because they're fun and exciting," said Jeni Tillema.



CONCENTRATING HARD, ELIZABETH White completes 12 repetitions on the leg press machine.

IN HEALTH CLASS Brent Kaper utilizes study time to work on a daily assignment.



WAITING THEIR TURN to be tested on tumbling, Angie Williams, Tom Sharritts, and Chad Smith await Mr Greenlee's test check.



PE/Health Department

Anatomy/Physiology
APC
Health
Physical Education
Weights, girls & boys



DOING 15 PUSH-UPS Bill Whitworth shows great strength.

PRACTICING ON the partner pull over, Ryan Rose tosses Greg Schiavone over his back.

ATHLETIC PROWESS

With many sports to choose from, deciding on just one may be difficult. Many students participated in a number of sports ranging from Football in the Fall to Softball in the Spring.

Varsity club has continued the tradition of honoring athletes who have earned a place on one of the many teams. Also, athletes could earn honor jackets which were allowed to be worn in the school and many other awards related to their sport such as Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player.

Students who were not able to participate in a school sport may have enjoyed watching a basketball or football game on Channel 56 WYTN, listening to it on 97.7 WLQI, or attending the game. With all of these opportunities available, it was hard to find someone who had no interest in sports.

Beneficial for sports teams was the warm weather late into the start of the winter season. With the very cold temperatures and the few days off school due to the snow and blowing drifts, some winter teams found it difficult to find time to practice.

Through all of this, came the pride and accomplishments of many team and individual efforts. Boys' Basketball became the Northwest Hoosier Conference Champs and Sectional Champ runners-up. Special Olympics Basketball earned the State Champion title. Volleyball team hit Sweet Sixteen. Amanda Hall also followed the Cross Country teams' victories of the year by advancing on to State competition, where she placed 25th. Todd Moolenaar placed 13th at State and scored the only point ever in school history. Wrestler Tom Swafford also went to State. Although he was eliminated in his first match, he still carried the **ATHLETIC PROWESS** on through his achievements for KV.

Sitting next to Coach McDowell, Darren Dase looks on as Football team captains rev up the crowd and encourage fans to go out and watch the game.



After a practice stroke, Lyndsay Lauritis prepares to hit the golf ball in preparation for a golf tournament.





Congratulating Senior Basketball player Jeff Kalut with a hug after their big win was cheerleader and classmate Jennifer Pao.

Running toward the finish line, Senior Track runner Luke Flory tries to accomplish a personal best time.



DeMotte McDonald's held a "Meet Your Volleyball Team" night where all of the members spent a few hours greeting fans and having a good time. Before leaving, they all managed to get one last memento of the team.



Sports Athletic Prowess

- 54 Volleyball
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- 66 Swimming
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- 76 Wrestling
- 78 Cheerleading
- 82 Golf
- 84 Tennis
- 86 Softball
- 88 Baseball
- 90 Track
- 94 Post Season

FACTS

Volleyball team performs the Macarena during the Homecoming parade.



"I think our effort was the best we've had. We wanted to show everyone that we could achieve our goals." - Cathy Veden

Jessica Bell, jumped at the opportunity to play in a Semi State match

Award Winners

Junior Varsity

Jessica Bell - JV Hustle Award

Summer Johnson - Most Assists and Best Serving Percentage

Jill Peterson - Best Passing Percentage



Preparing for action against Valpo, Jen Baird, Stacy Becker, and Jen Kalut warm up their legs.

Focused, Jill Spurgeon doesn't hear the cheering of Tim Funston.



Volleyball

VICTORY

Favored to win, the November 2nd regionals, the Volleyball Kougars carried a 26-5 record into Monticello. Clawing away at the North Judson Blue Jays, they seemed to be nervous. Was it an act the intelligent stalkers performed? No. They were actually nervous, being the favored team to enter that contest. "This team is a good team. I don't understand it its nerves or what," said Kougars Coach Tania Price - the KV Post.

Nerves would help the Kougars to overcome the self proclaimed wins that day at Regionals. These Kougars, the hunters of the courts conquered over all the teams that were present.

The first lost match, would knock their nerves aside to open their eyes, so they could take the set. They repeated their standings in the second set, winning the last two. The wins would advance the Kougars, closer to

their goal, to be the first V-team from KV to advance to state.

Varsity V-team seemed to be sisters, who read each others minds to keep the ball from hitting the ground inside of their territory.

They only seemed to lack one thing, that was to maul their opponents in the first match, and to scare them like the Kougars they are. They hunted the Blue Jays, and the Indians like prey, after they were scared by the first loss between them.



The interactive game between these high school girls has become one of the most ferocious games that has been played by the Kougars, to lead to the win that took them to Semi-State!

Scores

Volleyball

| TEAM PLAYED | SCORE |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Morgan TWP | 15-4, 15-6 |
| Wheeler | 15-7, 0-15, 15-10 |
| Plymouth | 15-9, 15-13 |
| Lake Central | 14-16, 14-16 |
| La Porte | 15-1, 8-15, 12-15 |
| Tri-County | 15-4, 15-8 |
| Hebron | 15-6, 15-3 |
| Lake Station | 15-1, 15-2 |
| S. Central | 15-0, 15-2 |
| Bishop Noll | 15-1, 15-2 |
| Valpo | 15-13, 15-2 |
| N. Newton | 15-4, 15-0 |
| Knox | 15-3, 0-0 |
| Portage | 15-3, 15-7 |
| S. Newton | 15-2, 15-4 |
| Crown Point | 10-15, 15-5, 15-10 |
| N. Judson | 15-7, 15-8 |
| Rensselaer | 15-4, 15-2 |
| Mishivaka | 17-15, 6-15, 6-15 |
| Pt. Wayne-SN | 11-15, 12-15 |
| Merrillville | 10-15, 15-4, 3-15 |
| Andean | 17-15, 15-8 |
| W. Central | 15-4, 15-8 |
| Benton Centr. | 15-5, 15-8 |
| Lowell | 15-4, 15-5 |
| River Forest | 15-6, 15-4 |



Front row: Coaches Tania Price, Peggy Abel, Mike Stevens. Row 2: Jan Hamstra, Summer Johnson, Steffini Woudema, Jessica Bell. Row 3: Cathy Veden, Shelly Myers. Back row: Rachel Sorba, Jill Peterson.

As the only male coach for the Lady Kougars, Coach Stevens helped to lead them to their triumph at regionals.

FACTS



Shanna Snyder
Captain



"I think everyone's dedication made our team what it was. It was exciting and so much fun!" - Jill Peterson



Highfiving her teammates and coaches, Rachel Kaper heads out for the oncoming match.

Award Winners

Angelee Abbring - Captain, Most Kills, IMPACT, Northern All-Star, Second Team All State, All NWHC

Jan Hamstra - Most Kills

Stacy Recker - Most Solo Blocks

Shanna Snyder - Captain, Most Assists (School Record - 688), All NWHC

Jen Kaulf - Captain, Best Passing%, Most Solo Blocks, All NWHC

Rachel Kaper - Captain, Kougari Pride Award, NWHC Honorable Mention



Holding their Sectional trophy, Stacy Recker, Jen Baird, Jill Peterson, Jess Bell, Summer Johnson, and Jan Hamstra look on to Future title battles.

Shanna Snyder shows her smile to coach Stevens at Semi-State.



VOLLEYBALL

Cry Semi - State

"Unstoppable" was the fans semi state cry for the 30-6 varsity volleyball team.

Before the Lady Kougars took the floor, Coach Price said she felt "Good" about their chances.

Lady Kougars met at 11 a.m. in LaPorte, and warmed up as the cheering squad shouted "Thundercats, Thundercats, Thundercats, HO!"

The first serve and point were given from Munster's side. It would be three more points before the Lady Kougars would score their first point.

Catch-up was the name of the game. Just like the Valpo contest, the score rose to 5-6.

Exchanging points, they were roughly within one. As a matter of fact, Kougars had a lead of 11 - 10 which many thought would keep them in the lead.

Fans were wrong. Mustangs won the set 15-13. A sheer disappointment was seen in everyone's eyes.

There was still hope. They could win the next two sets to win

the match.

"WE ARE KV," the crowd shouted. Tim Funston, dressed as a cheerleader, formed a human pyramid shouting "Give me a K..." and so on.

Although this was the intense part, the players seemed to keep their cool even as a CBS Video Technique crew filmed the game. Sports scouts were also looking for players who had the talent to play on a college team.

Angelee Abbring, a captain of the Volleyball team said, "We get prepared for games by keeping stats for the JV games."

Lady Kougars played this set hard. Missing their sets, bumps, and plays cost them the game. All of the little mistakes added up, and directly changed the course of the game. Lady Kougars, with their outstanding record of 30 - 6, lost their first match of the Semi State Tourney to Munster. Surrounded by well wishers and fans, the young Thundercats left the floor.

ABBRING



Team captain Angelee Abbring, was one of the best all around players in the area. She drew the attention of college recruiters from Ohio State, which Abbring planned to attend on a full scholarship for her outstanding Volleyball record.

In addition to holding a job at McDonalds, Abbring found time to improve her game by pumping iron, and working on the techniques that she would need at college.

Working hard on her V-Ball game, did not falter her academics. Abbring ranked in the top ten of her class and scored a 1200 on her SAT.



Angelee Abbring storms out of the locker room into a roaring crowd that awaits her words of encouragement.

Front Row: Jen Baird, Coach Price, Angelee Abbring. Row 2: Jen Wians, Rachel Kaper, Jen Kalut, Stacy Recker. Row 3: Jen Spurgeon, Shanna Snyder. Back Row: Coaches Able and Stevens.

FACTS



Chris
Capellari
23 receptions
348 yards
three touchdowns
threw one
touchdown



Bill Perkins
23 solo tackles
13 assists
two running back
sacks
one interception



Tom Swafford
45 solo tackles
23 assists
Four running back
sacks
Two quarterback
sacks
Two fumble
recoveries
One interception

Ryan Myers receives a defensive play
from the sideline

AWARD WINNERS

Varsity Offense:

Chris Capellari
Jamie Patrick
Jeff Lauritis

Mr. "O"
Offensive Line
Most Improved

Varsity Defense:

Ryan Myers
Bill Johnson
Tom Swafford

Mr. "D"
Defensive Line
Most Improved

Varsity Overall:

Jamie Smith
Ryan Myers

Most Improved
Most Valuable



After a completed
pass, Lance Culp
and Justin Carden
assist in mauling an
Eagle.



Jeff Lauritis looks to
the sideline for a
play, while
the rest of the
offense waits.

FOOTBALL

DO THEY STILL HAVE IT?

Hope and tomorrow coupled to move the Varsity team through the ten week season. After winning the opening game, hope was high as they won their next two games. Their hope was dashed in the fourth game, which ended in defeat, and the team went to the Saturday morning screening session on the limp.

In response to their 3-5 record, Mike McCoy commented, "We were a young and inexperienced team," Ryan Myers said, "We were a young team, we had some success at the beginning and fell apart at the end of the year."

Asst. Defensive Coordinator Joe Morehouse said, "We were pretty close to where we thought we would be. We wanted to be at .500, but ended up at 3-5. From a defensive standpoint, we were as strong as we had expected we would be. We started Juniors at a lot of positions, and they did the job as

needed. We had a good core that will probably come back next year."

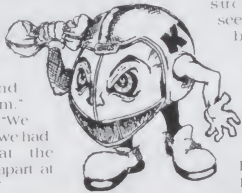
Mr. Lewallen added, "I was pleased with a lot of what we did, especially the improvements of Jeff Lauritis and Chris Capellari. The Seniors were an excellent group to work with." Coach McDowell said,

"We had a pretty successful season seeing how we were hit

by graduation. We lost nine offensive starters and seven defensive starters.

We used many new faces because of our injuries. Our biggest loss was to Lake Station. That eliminated us from

ending our season at .500. It also moved us from third in the conference to fourth in the conference. We had a real good Senior class and good underclassmen coming up." Offensive leader was Lance Culp and defensive leader was Ryan Myers.



Scores

Varsity Football

| Team Played | Score | W/L |
|--------------|-------|-----|
| LaPorte | 34-6 | L |
| River Forest | 21-19 | W |
| North Newton | 38-14 | W |
| Rensselaer | 14-7 | W |
| North Judson | 18-6 | L |
| Lowell | 28-0 | L |
| Lake Station | 17-14 | L |
| Twin Lakes | 28-6 | L |
| Highland | 15-0 | L |



Jeff Lauritis, team captain, rolls away from the defensive pass rush.



Stuff arming a defender, Lance Culp gains extra yards and breaks the 2,000 yards rushing in his high school career.



Football: Front row: Manager, Tracy Robbins, Aaron Keichum, Josh Norman, Greg Wrenn, Cameron Boringharte, Matt Forsythe. Row 2: Manager, Keith Marion, Daunny Culp, Tony Soto, Justin Carden, Brian Kalut, Bill Gutsinger, Aaron Culp. Row 3: Ben Croteau, Tim Collier, Jeff Misch, David Laud, Noah Forsythe, Jon Holman. Row 4: James Myers, Aaron Porter, Darren Dase, Jon Northeut, Chris Dixon, Chris Scott, Brent Przybylski. Row 5: Ryan Perdingrass, Todd Meak, Tom Swafford, Mike McCoy, Kenny Kapella, Dave Hancock, Jacob Skatton, Kyle Henley, Jeff Lauritis. Row 6: Jamie Patrick, Bill Frey, Bill Johnson, Jamie Smith, Cory Scott, Bill Perkins, Ryan Myers, Mike Hahnert, Chris Capellari, Kasey Walleske. Back Row: Coach Morehouse, Head Coach Shawn McDowell, Coach Lewallen.

FACTS



Luke
Gilbert
165 yards rushing 1TD
163 Punt Ret. Yards
2 TDs
118 yards receiving
1TD
258 Kick Ret.Yards 1
TD
704 All-Purpose yards
30 points scored



Nate Bult
486 yards rushing
6 TDs
20 Kick Ret. yards
575 Yards kicking
506 All-Purpose
Yards
40 points scored



Justin Carden
Junior Varsity:
3 rushing
touchdowns
leading scorer

Varsity:
31 yards rushing
1 Solo tackle
2 Assists

Anthony Dixon steps
up to take the snap.

AWARD WINNERS

Junior Varsity Offense

Offensive MVP Justin Carden
Offensive Linemen MVP Kasey Waller
Most Improved Aaron Keichum

Junior Varsity Defense:

Defensive MVP Matt Forsythe
Defensive Linemen MVP
Cameron Baumgartner
Most Improved Ben Crotteau

Junior Varsity Overall:

Kougar Pride Award Brent Pryzbylski
Most Improved Bill Guisinger



Ryan Pendergrass catches a pass and slips a tackle for extra yards before being taken down by the safety

Brent Pryzbylski rolls out and throws a bullet down the field.



FOOTBALL

Determined

Determined was the Junior Varsity team. Even though they lost their first five games, they pulled together to beat Highland in the last game of the season 12-6.

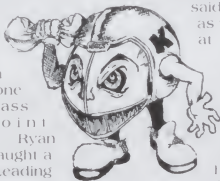
Rushing attack was led by Justin Carden, who ran for three touchdowns. Following him were Ryan Pendergrass and Tony Soto, each with one touchdown. Passing was strong with Brent Przybyski at quarterback throwing for two touchdowns. Receiving was Brian Kaluf, who caught one touchdown pass and a two-point conversion pass. Ryan Pendergrass also caught a touchdown pass. Leading tacklers were Matt Forsythe and Todd Mak.

With a record of 0-5 they went to Highland, determined to get a win. Highland walked into the game thinking the Kougar Junior Varsity team would be easy pickings, but the Kougars proved them wrong by winning the game

12-6. The Kougars shut down the offense, only allowing six points. While the Highland defense couldn't stop the Kougar's offensive on rush.

Justin Carden said, "We played some good teams, but never gave up." Matt Forsythe commented, "We did our best, played as hard as we could, and never gave up." Brian Kaluf said, "I think we got better as the year went on and at the end we came together and did what we worked so hard for."

Junior Varsity Coach Lewallen thought, "As a Christian coach, I teach it's the effort that counts, so I better live it when wins are hard to come by. The effort of this young team was outstanding, ending with a huge win over Highland." Coach Morehouse agreed, "Our defense made steady improvements all year long."



Greg Wireman mauls through the defense for a big gain.



(First Row) Luke Gilbert, Tom Hobson, Jeff Jones, Jilyan English (Manager), Brandon Baker, Troy Nuss, Nate Bull, (Second Row) Brian Berg, Anthony Dixon, Scott Roells, Steve Myers, Zach Jesko, Ray Lawley, Matt Spurgeon, (Back Row) Coach Gray, Jeremy Rayner, David Veldman, Jeremy Croll, Greg Shiyavone, Adam Hamstra, Ron Carter, Coach McKay

Scores

Junior Varsity

| Team played | score | w/l |
|--------------|-------|-----|
| North Judson | 14-12 | L |
| Rensselaer | 28-0 | L |
| Lowell | 14-6 | L |
| Griffith | 28-14 | L |
| Twin Lakes | 16-0 | L |
| Munster | 20-8 | L |
| Highland | 12-6 | W |

Freshman

| Team Played | score | w/l |
|--------------|-------|-----|
| Lake Central | NA | W |
| North Judson | NA | W |
| Lowell | NA | L |
| Rensselaer | NA | W |
| North Newton | NA | L |
| Lowell | NA | L |
| East Chicago | NA | W |



Brent Przybyski, Junior Varsity Team Captain threw 2 TD passes one Two-pt. conversion

FACTS



"I think our most outstanding achievement made by the team was just becoming a varsity sport, with great thanks to our coach Duane Vander Woude." Wes Graper, sophomore



"What keeps our team a team is the good coaching by our coach, and that we can all get along and work as a team on or off the field." Bill Wisdom, freshman

Award Winners

Team Captain:

Steve Schoon
Jason Vander Woude

Most Improved:

Sean Oatis
Jeff Van Blaircom

Mental Attitude:

Steve Schoon

Most Valuable Player:

Steve Schoon
Jason Vander Woude



Honoring recipients were Jason Vander Woude, Steve Schoon, and Sean Oatis.
Right: Bryan Bakrevski steals the ball from the opposing team.



SOCCER: BOYS VARSITY

Hunted New Goals

Hope was high as the Boys Soccer hunted new goals as a varsity sport. Kougars came storming out of the locker room determined to show the rest of the region that they were one, a team that would do their best up against the best.

Kougars entered their first hunt against the tough Winamac team. Even though the team gave it all they had, the Winamac team matched every step the Kougars made, and the game ended in a tie of one to one. On September 3, Kougars put forth effort up against the Hobart team.

Hobart mauled the team with their precise passing and shooting to lead the Kougars to their first loss. September 12 was the date of the teams first win. Kougars preyed on Benton Central who started the game with a quick 2 point lead. In the end of the second half Kougars kicked back with a win of 3-2.

Next came Highland and then

next came Wheeler, which shutdown the Kougars in the game field with a loss of 6-2.

Kougars traveled the game fields of Gavitt with a two game losing streak. Kougars flew their colors as they mauled Gavitt 4-0.

Boone Grove was the host of the last game of the season where Kougars were hunted down. The last match of the season was up against Boone Grove with a 1-3 loss. Kougars ended their hunting season at

Regionals on October 15 against Hammond and lost 1-3.

Even though the team had their losses they still had great moments like the "Highland Tourney," said Bill Wisdom. "Victory," replied Wes Graper.



Scores

Varsity

| Team Played | KV | Opponent |
|----------------|----|----------|
| Winamac | 1 | 1 |
| Hobart | 0 | 5 |
| Benton Central | 3* | 2 |
| Wheeler | 2 | 6 |
| Highland | 2 | 6 |
| Gavitt | 4* | 0 |
| Mc Marquette | 1 | 4 |
| Boone Grove | 0 | 3 |
| Hammond | 1 | 3 |

JUNIOR VARSITY

| TEAM PLAYED | KV | OPPONENT |
|-----------------|----|----------|
| Benton Central | 0 | 1 |
| Bishop Noll | 3* | 2 |
| Wheeler | 2* | 1 |
| Culver Military | 5* | 2 |
| Plymouth | 4* | 0 |
| Griffith | 4 | 5 |
| Lowell | 1 | 1 |

*indicates a win.



Doug Ruehl hunts new goals for the new Varsity Soccer team.



Varsity Soccer: Front Row: Deric Mount, Adam Bauman, Justin Demeter, Tom Sharritts, Don Mahler, Sean Oatis, Rachel Woods. Row 2: Bryan Bakrevski, Tom Fentress, Steve Schoon, Jason Vander Woude, Doug Ruehl, Chris Lukasik. Back Row: Casey Hayes, Jake Schoon, Wes Graper, Jeff Van Blaircom, Bill Wisdom, Mike Bozell, Brian Wiers, Coach Vander Woude.

FACTS



"Never give up, keep running, be prepared for anything and be confident, and as my coach would say 'Winning is not always the thing to shoot for, just have fun while shooting for it'" Justin Shaler, Junior



"The seven years I have been in Cross Country have taught me so many wonderful things. Thanks to Cross Country I have learned teamwork, dedication, hardwork, and most of all how to have fun" Katie Deardorff, Senior

Heading out in front, Amanda Hall strives for state at regional competition.

Award Winners

BOYS:

Co-Captain: Mike Nannenga
Luke Flory

Most Valuable Player: Luke Flory
Rookie of the Year: Ryan Koslovsky
Academic Award: Mike Nannenga
Most Dedicated: Luke Flory

GIRLS:

Co-Captain: Amanda Hall
Katie Deardorff

Most Valuable Player: Amanda Hall
Rookie of the Year: Kristen Kruchowski
Academic Award: Amanda Hall
Most Dedicated: Alesha Studer



Front Row: Kristen Kruchowski, Alesha Studer, Row 2: Elizabeth Vargas, Maury Gazzola, Jenny Evans, Back Row: Coach Prochno, Katie Deardorff, Traci Opolski, Amanda Hall, Kelly Gilbert, Coach Norwine



CROSS COUNTRY

From Start To Finish

Cross Country team ran their season from start to finish. They officially started the season August 27, at the La Porte Invite, with boys placing 2nd and the girls placing 3rd. They finished the season with many of the runners placing at regionals and with Amanda Hall placing 25th at state competition.

"Great season, very competitive.

We ran very well, against some of the states' best squads. Excellent Senior leadership. We had a lot of good times; from King's Island, to the State Championships in the snow," replied Coach Prochno when asked how he felt the team competed over all.

Girls' team Northwest Hoosier Conference, Sectionals champs, Regionals runners up, and Semi-State qualifiers. All Conference runners were Amanda Hall, Alesha Studer, and Kristen Kruchowski, and state Finalist who ran in the snow at Dayton, Ohio was Amanda Hall.

Boys' team was Northwest Hoosier

Conference champs, Regionals champs, and Semi-State qualifiers. All Conference runners were Luke Flory, Justin Shaler, and Keith Wallace.

"Before a great race, my mind is usually not on the race, but on other things, this is what keeps me calm," Katie Deardorff commented.

Justin Shafer said, "Visualizing the course in my mind thinking of all the places where I can make a move, is what keeps me focused on the race."

Hard work and practice were two of the things this team needed to achieve their goals. When the team was asked what was really needed to

be an exceptional runner one commented, "Our two great coaches, and all of our Senior runners."

The team was coached by Walt Prochno and Paul Norwine.



Scores

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

| Invite | Boy's | Girl's |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| LaPorte | 2nd | 3rd |
| McCutcheon | 1st | 1st |
| Indianapolis Pike | 8th | 5th |
| Kouts @ Valpo | 1st | 1st |
| Rensselaer | Grade Level | |
| WC-N. White | 1st | 1st |
| New Prairie | 3rd | 3rd |
| KV (RC, WIN, NJ) | 1st | 1st |
| Highland | 2nd | 2nd |
| Logansport | 5th | 3rd |
| KV (HC, WIN, NJ) | 1st | 3rd |
| Lafayette Jeff | 3rd | 4th |
| NWHC | 1st | 2nd |
| Lake Central | 2nd | 2nd |
| Sectionals | 1st | 1st |
| Regionals | 1st | 2nd |
| Semi-State | 8th | 10th |

State Championship
Amanda Hall 25th



Luke Flory sets the pace at Regionals for teammates Justin Shaler and Mike Nannenga.

Watching her step Alesha Studer makes her way through the woods at regionals.



Front Row: Brent Kaper, Keith Wallace, Justin Shaler, Simon Flory, Arlyn Kramer. Back Row: Coach Prochno, Dandrew Nannenga, Jeff Terborg, Mike Nannenga, Luke Flory, Jay Deardorff, Randall Gooden, Coach Norwine.

FACTS



Senior, captain Todd Moolenaar, holds the record in four swimming events.



"We had a great season. We had a few losses, but they were against tough schools. We also had a few awesome wins, which we never expected," said Junior co-captain Jill Garvey.



Paula McIntire being the only senior advanced to sectionals in the 200 medley relay.

Award Winners

Girls:

Team captains: Paula McIntire, Jill Garvey.
Most Valuable Swimmer: Jill Garvey
Most Improved Swimmer: Melissa Cates
Most Dedicated Swimmer: Amanda Donis
Rookie of the Year: Mandi Czaplá

Boys:

Team Captains: Todd Moolenaar, Devin Simmons, Justin Carter
Most Valuable Swimmer: Todd Moolenaar, Justin Carter
Most Improved Swimmer: Kevin Myers
Most Valuable Diver: Justin Shafer.



Taking a breath, Lynn Hanley makes a great start in the 200 freestyle. In spite of breaking his own school record with a time of 1:49.26, Junior Justin Carter finished fourth in the 200 freestyle.



Top Right: Todd Moolenaar performs the breast stroke at sectionals

Center Right: Justin Shafer performs the breast stroke in the 200 Medley Relay team vs Knox.

BOYS ; GIRLS SWIMMING

Swimming Their Way To Victory

Boy's swim team had an outstanding swim season. Coached by Mr. Roberts and two managers Val Williams and Ammie Beougher, they finished the season 10-2 and were KV Invite and Rensselaer Invite Champions in the 200 freestyle and 500 free.

Senior captain Todd Moolenaar was NWHC champion in the 200 IM and 100 back and advanced to the State Finals in the 100 back. Todd Moolenaar broke a total of four records which included the 200 IM, 200 freestyle, 100 Back and the 11 year old 100 butterfly record with a time of 57.75. "I'm very pleased with the season. Everybody worked hard and gave it their best. Mr. Roberts did a fantastic job. I wish the team the best of luck in the future." Said Todd Moolenaar. Soon after Todd had set his 200 freestyle record Junior Justin Carter broke it with a time of 1:49.26.

At state out of 32 Todd seated 20th but you have to be one of the top 15 so he bumped up 5 more seats to 15th and then bumped 3 more up to tie for 13th in the 100 Back at the state meet, with a time of 54.13, breaking

his own school record. Todd became the first swimmer in KV history to score points in the State meet.

Sophomore Ben Croteau and junior Justin Carter were invited to participate in a sport Challenge International Tour in Amsterdam, Holland. There were only 300 American students chosen to attend.



"This was our season of growth. We have a young team and we plan to grow together," said Coach Mr. Hamilton. The girls swim team finished the season 5-6. "This swim season this year made it a great senior year for me. All the girls on the team were really nice and we all created close friendships during the swim season. I will miss everyone next year and wish them the best of the luck throughout the years." Said senior captain, Paula McIntire. "This season was a new experience for me. I swam events I never swam before and still excelled in them. Each meet I pushed myself just a little harder to be one second faster," said junior co-captain Jill Garvey. The team also consisted of seven sophomores, and seven freshmen.

SCORES

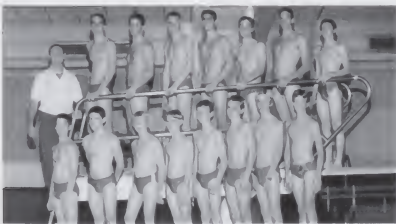
Girls:

| | K.V. | OPPONNET |
|-----------------|------|----------|
| Twin Lakes | 119* | 67 |
| N.S.P. | 58 | 122* |
| Knox | 79 | 104* |
| Griffith Invite | 86 | 102* |
| Hammond Invite | 62* | 11 |
| Hobart | 88 | 95* |
| Rensselaer | 67 | 121* |
| North Newton | 121* | 43 |
| Bishop Noll | 87* | 70 |
| Lowell | 62 | 121* |
| SWHC | 3rd | |
| Griffith | 92* | 87 |
| South Newton | 116* | 63 |

Boys:

| | K.V. | OPPONNET |
|------------------------|------|----------|
| Calumet | 130* | 73 |
| Harrison | 105* | 50 |
| Knox | 112* | 73 |
| Rensselaer | 110* | 82 |
| Gavi | 111* | 67 |
| Rensselaer | 104* | 86 |
| K.V. Invite | 1st* | |
| Lowell | 123* | 162 |
| Griffith | 80 | 94 |
| N.W.H.C. | 2nd | |
| Twin Lakes | 119* | 67 |
| Crown Point | 112* | 74 |
| North Judson | 143* | 26 |
| Hobart | 100* | 83 |
| Rensselaer Invite | 1st* | |
| Lake Central Sectional | 5th | |

* Denotes Winner



Front: Nick Snyder, Adam Shafer, Tim Cavanaugh, Arlan Kramer, Kevan Myers, Weston Boege, Ryan Koslovsky, Mike Holliman. Back Row: Coach Mr. Roberts, Adam Bristol, Ben Croteau, Justin Carter, Devin Simmons, Tim Ventrello, Todd Moolenaar, Justin Shafer



Front: Jeanette Perkins, Melissa Gates, Paula McIntire, Jill Garvey, Jennifer Bays, Bridget Barrera. Row 2: Manager Shirley Clark, Julie Davidson, Manager Erin Boet, Amanda Mullins, Manager Iren Tillema, Melissa Woolard. Back Row: Asst. Coach Mr. Morehouse, Mandy Czuplo, Lynn Hanley, Kelly Burroughs, Melissa Miranck, Kay Rohder, Jilian English, Amanda Doms, Coach Mr. Hamilton

FACTS



Jeff Boer
48 offensive
Rebounds
62 Defensive
Rebounds
24 Assists
20 Steals
7 Blocks
258 Total points



Kyle Martin
6 Offensive
Rebounds
37 Defensive
Rebounds
93 Assists
18 Steals
150 Total Points



Ivan Hoffman
6 Offensive
Rebounds
25 Defensive
Rebounds
22 Assists
8 Steals
91 Total Points

On the breakaway, Jeff Boer extends for the layup

AWARD WINNERS

Varsity:

Best Freethrow Percentage

Kyle Martin 68-84, .810%

Best Field Goal Percentage

Jeff Boer 125-197, .635%

Most Assists

Kyle Martin 114, 4.9/game

Most Rebounds

Jeff Boer 133, 5.8/game

Most Improved

Kyle Hanley

Best Defensive Player

Mike Bahnerth

Best Mental Attitude

Kyle Hamstra and Ivan Hoffman

Mr. Hustle Award

Jamie Smith



With the defense watching, Ivan Hoffman elevates for a jump shot.

On Senior night, Jamie Smith is escorted to center court by his parents.

DRINKS IN GYM

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BOY'S BASKETBALL

Kougar Killings

Opening their season with wins the NWHC Title. The game went against Benton Central and Hanover back and forth, until the fourth quarter Central. Kougars suffered their first loss when the Kougars jumped out to a against Wheeler 65-73. Following their five point lead, only to see the Blue loss, they faced the Crown Point Bulldogs. Jays bounce back to tie, forcing jumping out to a 100 lead early in the them into overtime. Kougars pulled first quarter, they had their biggest lead away to win a nail bitter, 66-62.

of the game. Bulldogs went on a 20-5 February 25 marked the the beginning of the Sectionals. Lowell game. Kougars collapsed in a 51-67 Red Devils were first in line to face the conference champs. Kougars loss, evening their record at 2-2.

On a two game skid. Kougars jumped out to a six point lead at the half, and doubled it to win 50-38. After blowing by the Hebron Hawks 62-36, they faced Boone Grove in the Sectional finals. Boone Grove got an early lead and extended it to 17 and held it there to win 64-47. In response to their season, Coach



On a three game skid, the Boys Martin stated, "It was like a roller traveled to Kouts to face the Mustangs. coaster ride. We started off good by Though holding a 16 point lead going defeating Benton Central and into the half, Mustangs went on a 20-12 Hanover Central then happened to run only to see the Kougars bounce back get us off track. Eventually we and hold them off to win 59-50. Going 8- regained control and put together a 5 in their 13 games. Kougars hosted the very nice winning streak, winning the North Judson Blue Jays. If they were to the conference and having a chance win, they would have sole possession of to win the sectional."

SCORES

Varsity Basketball

| team played | score | WL |
|-----------------|---------|----|
| Benton Central | 63-49 | W |
| Hanover Central | 82-66 | W |
| Wheeler | 65-73 | L |
| Crown Point | 51-68 | L |
| Griffith | 59-71 | L |
| Kouts | 59-50 | W |
| Boone Grove | 60-79 | L |
| North Judson | 47-54 | L |
| Rensselaer | 44-50 | L |
| North Newton | 59-50 | W |
| Valparaiso | 52-54 | L |
| Knox | 77-64 | W |
| Lowell | 57-44 | W |
| Wirt | 39-49 | L |
| Mann | 75-68 | W |
| Hebron | 53-42 | W |
| Rensselaer | 60-50OT | W |
| River Forest | 73-68 | W |
| Lake Station | 41-38 | L |
| North Judson | 66-62OT | W |
| -Sectionals- | | |
| Lowell | 50-38 | W |
| Hebron | 62-36 | W |
| Boone Grove | 47-64 | L |



Kyle Martin gets escorted by his father, Coach Martin, and his mother to center court to be recognized on Senior night.



With a defender in his face, Jeff Boer takes a beautiful fadeaway over the reaching hand of his defender.



Calling a timeout, Coach Martin huddles his team around him while he draws out the next play.

FACTS



Ryan Rose
Freshman
led JV team in
assists; 98
scored 18 points in
Sectionals.



Chad VanRiessen
Freshman
Best Free throw
Percentage-.685%
Most Assists-69



Dan Laszlo
Freshman
Best Field Goal
Percentage-.552%
Most Rebounds-126

Getting fouled, Jamie Smith
throws up a shot.

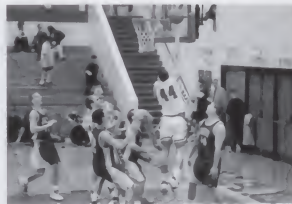
AWARD WINNERS

Junior Varsity:

Best Field Goal Percentage
Erik Armstrong, .519%
Best Free Throw Percentage
Ryan Rose, .682%
Most Assists
Ryan Rose 98
Most Rebounds
Jim Hamstra 123

Freshmen:

Best Free Throw Percentage
Chad VanRiessen, .685%
Best Field Goal Percentage
Dan Laszlo, .552%
Most Assists
Chad VanRiessen 69, 3.9/game
Most Rebounds
Dan Laszlo 126, 6.6/game



Given the open pass,
Kyle Hanley slices in
the lane for an
uncontested layup



Stealing the ball, Ryan
Rose goes to the hole
with authority.



BASKETBALL: BOYS JV

JV Destruction

Spirits soared as the Junior Varsity the Spartans, 47-25 and extended Boys opened their season on November their winning streak to five, and 22, against a tough Benton Central team, secured their first conference win. Their spirits dropped like a brick when they lost 34-38. Regrouping four days later, Kougars killing, 62-38, adding a six spot to their winning streak column, they faced yet another tough team, Hanover Central. This time, they came out on top and another win in the conference, 43-37 and bettered their record to 1-1. After beating a tough Gary Mann team 41-39 in the final minute, they were hot. Entering what could have been a tough game for the Junior Varsity team, Boone Grove stunned the Kougars in the last minutes, and snapped their five game winning streak, 42-44.

On December 27, the Kougars entered the Holiday Tourney. Their first victim was North Judson. They outplayed them in a good 43 Kougars Victory, moving them up game, and walked out with the victory, 55- another notch on the score board to 47. Southmont advanced to the 13-3. After beating a good championship to play the opposing Rensselaer team 38-31, and Kougars. Kougars came away with the advancing to 3-0 in the conference, Holiday Tourney championship, 45-38, they faced River Forest. Their record was a sizzling 7-2. Now on a finished the season 17-3, and 6-0 in two game winning streak, they played a the conference. When the question, very good Valparaiso team, which fell victim Did you enjoy your season came to yet another Kougars killing, 56-44. Winning up, Eric Banks was the first to their next game against Knox, they faced comment. He said, "Yes, because North Newton and their first NWHC match we would win and had fun doing it." of the season. They mopped the floor with



SCORES

Junior Varsity and Freshman

| Team Played | Score | WL |
|-----------------|---------|----|
| Benton Central | 34-38 | L |
| Hanover Central | 43-37 | W |
| Wheeler | 61-39 | W |
| Crown Point | 54-43 | W |
| Griffith | 57-37 | W |
| Kouts | 53-33 | W |
| Boone Grove | 42-44 | L |
| North Judson | 55-47 | W |
| Southmont | 45-38 | W |
| Valparaiso | 56-44 | W |
| Knox | 53-40 | W |
| North Newton | 47-25 | W |
| Lowell | 62-38 | W |
| Gary Wirt | 41-39 | W |
| Gary Mann | 45-48 | L |
| Hebron | 69-43 | W |
| Rensselaer | 38-31 | W |
| River Forest | 41-32 | W |
| Lake Station | 42-27 | W |
| North Judson | 64-50 | W |
| Freshman | | |
| Lowell | 41-29 | W |
| Kouts | 61-31 | W |
| Hebron | 72-30 | W |
| Valparaiso | 40-57 | L |
| Hebron | 41-58 | L |
| Lake Station | 38-35OT | W |
| River Forest | 35-47 | L |
| Valparaiso | 47-52 | L |
| Pontage | 39-43 | L |
| Hebron | 39-31 | W |
| Lowell | 32-30 | W |
| Winamac | 49-55 | L |
| Rensselaer | 44-38 | W |
| Crown Point | 48-41 | W |
| Knox | 50-47 | W |
| Chesterton | 55-32 | W |
| Wheeler | 58-36 | W |
| Hanover Central | 46-28 | W |
| North Judson | 57-38 | W |



Getting inside the paint, Kyle Martin dodges a defender and manufactures a jump shot.



Front row: Ivan Hoffman, Brent Pryzbyski, Jamie Smith, Jeff Boer, Kyle Hanley. Back Row: Head Coach Gary Martin, C-Team Coach Bill Shepherd, Manager Mike Bratz, Kyle Martin, Kyle Hamstra, Marc Gott, Mike Bahnerth, Manager Joe Yaeger, Freshman Coach Verl Van Riessen, Junior Varsity Coach Bill Orsburn, Varsity Assistant Mike Stevens.

FACTS



Jennifer Ginzer
100 points total
23 rebounds
4.5 points per
game



Lori Stalbaum
93 points total
118 rebounds
total
4.2 points per
game



Jen Baird
39 points total
30 rebounds total
2.2 points per
game



Upper right: Fighting off two opponents, Kyleene Kramer attempts to make her shot.

AWARD WINNERS

JV Girls' Basketball

Best Free-Throw Percentage-
Ann Vander Molen, 55.6%
Most Assists- Jill Peterson, 36
Most Steals- Kristen Kruchowski, 67
Most Improved- Cathy Vedan
Most Points- Jill Peterson, 140
Most Rebounds- Stacy Recker, 87
Best Offensive Player- Jill Peterson
Best Defensive Player-
Kristen Kruchowski



After being fouled during the Sectional game, Jen Kaluf attempts the free throw.
Going up for a rebound, Lori Stalbaum gets control of the ball from her opponents.



BASKETBALL: GIRLS VARSITY

Breaking records

Team captains were the key to the opening six game winning streak. Even when the wins got shaky teammate Jen Baird said, "Our team captains were great! They were always trying to make everyone work their hardest, and if our team was ever down they would do anything to pump us up and keep our attitudes positive." Through this effort they beat some of the toughest teams.

The streak came after the opening loss to Boone Grove in a 55-59 contest. Four games later the girls hosted a 6-5 record. When asked if he had to do anything to keep the girls motivated Coach Ginzer replied, "The girls did it all themselves." The girls kept their spirits up even though they finished the season with a 13-8 record.

When asked about her season and if she felt successful Senior captain Mary Ahrendt said, "I feel that the season was rewarding in many ways. I'm glad that we were so successful." At the end of the season Coach Ginzer received an award for breaking the

schools record of most wins a second time.

The season was a rough one for the Lady Kougars who fought for the win at every game they played. At Horce Mann in Gary, the girls finished the first quarter with a 21 point surplus. They had no trouble defeating them. This game helped the girls after the loss a week before against Portage in which the Lady Kougars had 38 turnovers. With Defensive pressure Lady Kougars came back to tie the game at 12-all. Portage then made a come back and KV couldn't pull the win as the time ran out.

The same was true against the Valparaiso Lady Vikings. The lady Kougars were limited to one shot while the Lady Vikings had multiple opportunities.

In these trying times, if the girls were down, they were able to pull together as a team to combat future teams and head down to Sectionals.



SCORES

JUNIOR VARSITY

| team played | score | W/L |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Boone Grove | 37-28 | W |
| Morgan Twp. | 34-21 | W |
| Munster | 32-37 | L |
| Lake Station | 44-8 | W |
| Hebron | 55-12 | W |
| Portage | 35-38 | L |
| West Lafayette | 19-18 | W |
| Hobart | 12-39 | L |
| South Central | 51-12 | W |
| West Central | 49-51 | L |
| North Judson | 23-33 | L |
| Valpo | 33-37 | L |
| Lowell | 30-23 | W |
| River Forest | 39-14 | W |
| South Newton | 38-21 | W |
| Rensselaer | 29-31 | L |
| Hanover Central | 24-29 | L |
| North Newton | 27-20 | W |



Jen Kalut
Captain
320 points total,
240 rebounds,
14.5 points per
game.



Taking a quick time out from the game. Coach Ginzer goes over some plays.



Varsity Basketball Front row: Jen Kalut, Lauren Smith, Coach Gray, Coach Ginzer, Amanda Hall, Mary Ahrendt. Back row: Coach Valenkampff, Jennifer Ginzer, Jen Baird, Kylene Krammer, Lori Stalbaum, Jessica Bell, Jill Peterson, and Krisien Kruchowski.

FACTS



Lauren Smith
66 points total
74 rebounds total
3.0 points per game.



Amanda Hall
214 total points
84 rebounds
9.7 points per game



Mary Ahrendt
201 total points
74 rebounds
10.1 points per game

After being fouled during the Sectional game, Jen Kaluf attempts the free throw.

AWARD WINNERS

Best Free Throw Percentage:
Jen Kaluf 62.7%
Most Assists: Amanda Hall, 105
Most Steals: Jen Kaluf, 77
Most Rebounds: Jen Kaluf, 240
Most Points: Jen Kaluf, 320
Most Improved: Jennifer Ginzer and Mary Ahrendt
Lady Kougur Hustle Award:
Lori Stalbaum
Best Offensive Player: Jen Kaluf
Best Defensive Player: Lauren Smith



When the Sectional game was wrapped up, reporter Scott Herbst of the KVPast News interviewed Lauren Smith about her role in the game.

Cutting a piece of the Sectional victory net, Amanda Hall makes the win a reality.



GIRLS VARSITY: BASKETBALL

Sectional Victory

After a long tough season of 13-8, Lady Kougars went to Sectional in Rensselaer. During the season the girls had a lot of ups and downs and needed support from each other. Each teammate did what she could for the team and the team itself pulled together. "I thought we would win Sectional. I had a lot of confidence in our team. Going into most of the games, we had an attitude that we would win. Whenever we did get down there was always someone to pick us up," said Jessica Bell.

Girls began the first round of Sectionals on February 1 against Hanover Central. Lady Kougars had a rough game. The two teams were point to point throughout the game, until the Lady Kougars were able to get a lead and win the matchup with the score of 58-55.

Girls then continued on to the second round of Sectionals on February 6 against Lowell. Once again the Lady Kougars had a tough opponent. The game started out rough and the girls were down by the half. When the second quarter started the girls were

able to get the lead and it was smooth sailing until the end with the win of 57-41.

At the final round of the Sectionals on February 8, the girls played Rensselaer. The game was rough for awhile and then the girls settled down and played hard. Lady Kougars got the lead and prevailed with the win of 58-48. When asked about the game Kristen Kruchowski commented, "I was very nervous before the game started because I hadn't played much Varsity during the regular season, but once I got in the game I was fine."

The girls then went into the first round of Regionals on February 15 against Twin Lakes at Benton Central. The girls had the odds stacked up against them. Lady Indians were a top ranked team with players who were taller and stronger than KV. At the half, the girls were down 12 points. After half time the girls fought to complete the second-half comeback attempt but couldn't make it. They finished the game with a score of 54-74.



SCORES

Varsity Girls Basketball

| team played | score | W/L |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Boone Grove | 55-59 | L |
| Morgan Twp. | 54-44 | W |
| Munster | 36-27 | W |
| Lake Station | 39-25 | W |
| Hebron | 44-41 | W |
| Portage | 54-52 | W |
| West Lafayette | 39-28 | W |
| Hobart | 51-38 | L |
| South Central | 54-28 | W |
| Knox | 35-37 | L |
| North Judson | 37-66 | L |
| Valpo | 39-65 | L |
| Lowell | 39-44 | L |
| River Forest | 69-30 | W |
| South Newton | 60-43 | W |
| Rensselaer | 39-44 | L |
| Hanover Central | 63-52 | W |
| North Newton | 55-62 | L |
| (Sectionals) | | |
| Rensselaer | 58-48 | W |
| Hanover Central | 58-46 | W |
| North Newton | 43-47 | L |

Team Record: 13-8

Conference Record: 2-4



Watching the final seconds of the sectional game teammates Kylee Kramer, Lori Stalbaum, Jill Peterson, Jen Baird, and Stacy Recker get ready for the countdown.



Posing for a picture with the Sectional trophy and ball was the Sectional Champions Front row: Stacy Recker, Jennifer Ginzer, Jen Baird, Kristen Kruchowski, Jill Peterson, and Jessica Bell. Back row: Coach Ginzer, Lauren Smith, Mary Ahrendt, Amanda Hall, Jen Kalut, Lori Stalbaum, Kylee Kramer, Coach Valenkamp, and Coach Gray.

FACTS



Billy Perkins said "I'm proud of him (Tom Swafford), and I think his size isn't intimidating, but it's his mentality that is intimidating." What is wrestling? "It's the ultimate individual sport." Perkins is proud to be coached by Prochno.



Tom Swafford said that he felt good about his performance at state. According to Swafford, "From Sectional to State they doubled practice and got tougher, more physical, and a lot more to do."



How was the wrestling season? Aaron Ketchum said, "It was tuff and I accepted the challenge, along with the rest of the team." It must have been tuff since the team ended with one fourth with what they started with.

Jeremy Swallow awaits an attack from his Rensselaer opponent.

AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Wrestler - Tom Swafford

Most Improved - Steve Schoon

Mental Attitude - Jeremy Swallow

Rookie of the Year - Brian Berg

Academic Award - Brent Kaper

Team Captains - Tom Swafford and Chris Capellari, Aaron Ketchum, Jeremy Swallow, Jason VanderWoude, Josh Norman, and Steve Schoon



Being forced to the edge, Tom Swafford struggles to stay within the boundaries of the circle.

WRESTLING

Bouncing Back

Kougar wrestlers faced the Rensselaer Bombers. They suffered the loss 29-52. Next, they placed 10th out of 16 teams, on December 11 the Kougars wrestled Lake Station, they lost 24-53. Three days later they went into the Merrillville invitational looking to come out on top, placing 9th from the 19 teams that were present.

West Central was next in line; the Kougars defeated them 54-25 in a clearly lopsided meet. Knox came into town looking to upset the Kougars. Upsets were no where to be found; the Kougars destroyed them 56-23.

Entering the Lowell invitational, the Kougars first matched up against the hosts, who completely mutilated the Kougars in a heartbreaking loss 4-75. The Kougars bounced back against Andrean, 60-21. Griffith was the next victim, the Kougars over powered them in a close match up 42-36 improving their record to 4-3. This record would not hold long, by easily defeating

Munster 51-27; raising their record to 5-3.

In the Longsport invitational the Kougars wrestled well, and placed 4th from 8 teams. The Longsport invitational wasn't one of their best meets. They still strutted their stuff in the Lafayette, Jefferson Invitational; walking out in 2nd place. The Kougars played host to four other teams on February 18, as they wrestled in their own invitational. They won all four match ups, including a mauling of South Newton, 84-0.

Next, they wrestled in the NWHC conference; they placed 4th. Fighting six tough teams in the sectionals; they placed second with four wrestlers to advance to regionals; including Randall Gooden, Steve Schoon, Chris Cappellari and Jason VanderWoude. Tom Swafford advanced to Semi-State.

At Semi-State Swafford placed third. Unfortunately Swafford was eliminated in the first round with 8 others in his class.

SCORES

Wrestling

| team played | score | w/ |
|------------------|--|----|
| Rensselaer | 52 - 29 | |
| Lake Central Inv | 10 of 16 teams | |
| Lake Station | 53 - 24 | |
| Merrillville Inv | 9 of 19 teams | |
| West Central | 54 - 25* | |
| Lowell Inv - | | |
| - Knox | 56 - 23* | |
| - Lowell | 75 - 4 | |
| - Andrean | 60 - 21* | |
| - Griffith | 42 - 36* | |
| - Munster | 51 - 27 | |
| Logansport Inv. | 4 of 8 teams | |
| Laf. Jef. Inv. | 2 of 7 teams | |
| KV 5 Way Meet - | | |
| - Knox | 57 - 21* | |
| - North Newton | 48 - 25* | |
| - North Judson | 65 - 15* | |
| - South Newton | 84 - 0* | |
| River Forest | 58 - 15* | |
| NWHC Meet | 4th of conference | |
| Sectional | 2 of 6 teams | |
| Regional | 1 Champ - Tom Swafford, 139 lbs | |
| Semi - State | 3rd Tom Swafford, 139 lbs | |
| State finals | Tom Swafford lost first round, but scored the first state point in Kougar history. | |
| * means win | | |



Back Row: Coach Prochiro, Chris Cappellari, Kevin Zuckley, Bill Perkins, Coach Norwine; 3rd Row: , Dandrewe Nannenga, Jeremy Savillow, Steve Schoon, Jeff Launis, Tom Swafford, Jason Vanderwood, Diane Watson; 2nd Row: Jake Majors, Wes Graper, Aaron Ketchum, Josh Norman, Cameron Baumgart, Brent Koper, Randall Gooden.



Tom Swafford holds his opponent in an arm bar, as he hopes to win the match.

FACTS



Jennifer Peo
Senior Captain
"Cheerleading can really change your life through your attitude, self-esteem, and confidence level."



Kari Deardorff
Senior captain
"I had a lot of fun in cheerleading this year. We worked hard to accomplish a lot, but was still able to make it fun. Thanks guys."



Melissa Banks
Senior Captain



Angie Ferguson, Jenniter Spurgeon, Heidi Huckabay, and Kari Deardorff in summer camp at Purdue



Cheer Up

"The best thing about being a cheerleader is I get to show my spirit by tumbling and dance, two things I love to do. I became a cheerleader because I thought it was the best way I can show support for my school and I enjoy performing the dance routines." -Jennifer Trock

"Cheerleading is an interesting sport. You're always doing something, like jump drills, cheers, chants, dances, or lifting with the guys. The downside to cheerleading would be the lack of organization. In order to get anything done everyone must attend."

Stephanie Cochran



Varsity cheerleaders head off to Nationals in Dallas, Texas.



CHEERLEADING

Cheer Up

"It takes a lot of time, dedication, & commitment," said Jenniler Trock. Their hard work and team dedication led them to compete in Nationals in Dallas, Texas where they placed 24th. They placed first at Midwest Regional. Cheer competition with the guys in Valparaiso. Jenniler Trock and Cory Scott placed third in the coed partner stunts. Angie Ferguson and Bill Frey placed second.

This past summer the girls also went to summer camp at Purdue.

"It was hard work but we made it fun!" said Jenniler Spurgeon. For camp, the girls individually paid \$171. For Nationals, it cost them a total of \$800. With camp clothes, shoes, and money for competitions, being a cheerleader was very costly.

"Cheerleading is a club and

sport combined. Some people think cheerleading isn't a sport, but think it is. Performing a routine

we must have cardiovascular endurance to shout while we move from place to place quickly, doing motions, making sure they are sharp and clean," said Heidi Huckabay. Angie Ferguson exclaimed, "I think that cheerleading is a fun sport. I have learned not to worry about recognition and awards, because cheerleaders don't get any. I've learned to just do the sport because I

love doing it." Overall, cheerleaders devote their time and effort into making their school a happier place. They raise student school spirit and make everyone feel better about themselves.



Cheerleading coach: Donna Banks; Assistant coach: Tiffany Whitaker

Waiting for a tree throw to drop, Jenniler Trock awaits her boost from the male lifters.



Jenniler Trock, Jenniler Peo, Angie Ferguson, Jenniler Spurgeon, Stephanie Cochran, Heidi Huckabay, Melissa Banks, and Karl Deardorff practice a routine.



Front row: Lifter-Cory Scott, Melissa Banks, Jenniler Peo, Karl Deardorff, Lifter-Bill Frey. Row 2: Angie Ferguson, Heidi Huckabay, Stephanie Cochran, Jenniler Spurgeon, Jenniler Trock. Back row: Lifters: Justin Carden, Brad Murray, Tim Collier, Ken Vaughn, Mike Bozell. Not pictured Lifter-Chris Scott

FACTS

GYM

CONCESSIONS



Patti
Yaeger,
sophomore



Danielle Murray,
freshman



Mandi Richards,
freshman

Cheer Comments

"Being a cheerleader takes a lot of time and hard work. It is a lot of fun and the rest of the squad works hard too," Patti Yaeger

"Cheerleading is a lot of hard work all year long, but is also a lot of fun. I enjoy doing stunts and going to competitions. Our squad worked real hard together and we accomplished a lot this year," Mandi Richards



JV Cheerleaders Front row: Nicole O'Brien, Emily Prange, Patti Yaeger, Stacie Zielenga. Back row: Christina Polomchak, Denay Bailey, Rachel Toppen, Shannon Zeese.



Cheering with spirit freshmen cheerleaders utilize precision in their routine.

CHEERLEADING

Pep Talk

Fortitude was the key to success for the four freshman cheerleaders who completed the season. Led by Shayla Foley's tumbling skills, the girls developed an exciting year.

Cheerleading was a hard-working sport and it took a long time to get every move just right. The sport used disciplinary exercises that combined physical skills, such as body control, coordination, dexterity, gracefulness, and strength with tumbling and acrobatic skills, all performed in an artistic manner.

The events they performed combined these dance-like movements with the skills they'd obtained. "Even though we practiced all year round, at least once or twice a week, people did not consider us a sport," exclaimed Shayla Foley.

In order to raise money, cheerleaders held car washes and bake sales, and also sold tanning lotion. Emily Prange said, "As a JV Cheerleader I have had the opportunity to learn the

Left: Walking in with parents, David and Becky, Karl Deardorff had a proud smile on her face.

responsibilities and dedication that is required to be a cheerleader at KV. This year has allowed me to prepare for my junior year cheering

for our varsity football and basketball teams."

During the last freshman basketball game, Mandi Richards, Shayla Foley, Danielle Murray, and Lindsey Pendergrass thought they would have the last laugh of the season. They made a sign banner and taped the back of it so the players wouldn't be able to run through it in the beginning of

the game. It worked. The boys did not get through it. "It was hilarious," stated Mandi Richards.

Overall, the cheerleaders had confidence in themselves which enabled them to succeed.

Head Coach: Donna Banks

Assistant coach: Tiffany Whitaker



Putting up signs for dress up days was just one of the "behind the scenes" activities cheerleaders Shayla Foley and Danielle Murray participated in.



After practicing every Wednesday morning from 6 to 7 cheerleaders perform their choreographed dance routine for the pep session.



Freshman Cheerleaders Shayla Foley, Mandi Richards, Lindsey Pendergrass, Danielle Murray.

FACTS



Mike
Bahnerth
-senior



Jeff Lauraitis
-senior



Lindsay
Musch
-freshman



Top>Smiling at the camera, Heidi Niketh poses for a golf shot.

Award Winners

Boys:

Girls:



Girls Golf Team- Candice Wilson, Megan Ginzer, Tiffany Lauraitis, Jen Ginzer, Raimce Truman-Forehand, Coach Scott Green, Lyndsay Lauraitis, Heidi Niketh, Lindsay Musch, Angie Williams, Val Bahnerth.



Standing proud after a nite, Lindsay Musch shows her spirit.

BOYS;GIRLS GOLF

Swinging Into Action

Finishing above 500, the girls golf team utilized team devotion in their 9-8 effort. Returning golfer Megan Ginzer said, "Golf was very fun this year. Everyone improved their game a lot."

The girls traveled to many courses to pursue their game, including some of the hardest courses around. "Considering all the underclassmen, we had a successful and fun season", commented Lyndsay Lauritis.

Out of 17 matches played, three were invites. That means that they played 18 holes. The team who came in first got a trophy, and the best golfer got an individual trophy. One of the invites they played was at Sandy Pines. The others were at Rensselaer and Tri-County. At Tri-County the girls did an outstanding job. All

earned medals and Candice Wilson won a trophy. The kougars finished their season with the Sectionals, earning 6th place

The boys golf team started off on April 12. Tom Ferguson exclaimed, "Golf was the most fun time in my life. Mr. Green must know everything about golf because when I first started I didn't have a clue of what to do. Now he has taught me my success and even offered me a trip with him to the Hooked on Phonics golf tour in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 23. I said "Yes" Mr. Green. I will go and be strong!" The boys went on to play in the Sectionals on June 6.

Outstanding players included Mike Bahnerth and Jeff Lauritis.



Concentrating on a putt, Mike Bahnerth watches carefully.



Measuring her putt carefully, Ramicee Truman-Forehand thinks it over.



Boys golf team-Front row: Tim Cavanaugh, Jimmy Walker, Matt Spurgeon, Dave Fase, Kyle Martin, Chris Lukasik, Brian Berg, Back row-Rob Stubblefield, Rich Love, Ken Vaughn, Brad Murray, Mike Cook, Mike DeBoard, Mike Bahnerth Coach-Scott Green Not pictured-Tom Ferguson, Jeff Lauritis.

SCORES

Girls

| | K.Y. | OPPONENT |
|-----------------|------|----------|
| Twin Lakes | 119 | 67 |
| NISP | 58 | 122 |
| Knox | 79 | 104 |
| Griffith Invite | 86 | 102 |
| Hammond Invite | 62 | 11 |
| Hobart | 88 | 95 |
| Rensselaer | 67 | 121 |
| North Newton | 121 | 43 |
| Bishop Noll | 87 | 79 |
| Lowell | 62 | 121 |
| NWHC | 3rd | |
| Griffith | 92 | 87 |
| South Newton | 116 | 63 |

Boys

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Calumet | 130 | 53 |
| Harrison | 105 | 50 |
| Knox | 112 | 73 |
| Rensselaer | 110 | 82 |
| Gavit | 111 | 67 |
| Rensselaer | 104 | 86 |
| KV Invite | 1st | |
| Lowell | 123 | 162 |
| Griffith | 89 | 94 |
| NWHC | 2nd | |
| Twin Lakes | 119 | 67 |
| Crown Point | 112 | 74 |
| North Judson | 143 | 26 |
| Hobart | 100 | 83 |
| Rensselaer Invite | 1st | |
| Lake Central | 5th | |
| Sectional | | |

FACTS



"I think our season went very well. We played our best which is all we needed to do to accomplish our goals." -Holly Bristol



"I think we could get better by playing harder in the off season, so hopefully all this summer some of us will be dedicated enough to put the time in. Tennis takes a lot of practice." -Doug Ruchl.



"G-g-g-r-r-e-eat! It was really nice to hang out together as a team, not just in little groupies. We had a lot of team spirit as before. Every match, we had a pep talk." -Kaylynn Myers

Eyeing the toss, Angela Terborg prepares the serve.

AWARD WINNERS

Girls Tennis:

Jamie Hamstra-MVP
Angela Terborg & Norma Haan-
Sportsmanship
Holly Bristol-Most Improved



After winning their sectional trophies, Angela Terborg, Norma Haan, and Jamie Hamstra receive recognition.

Drilling a line drive shot to her opponent, Aimee Beougher waits for a retaliation.



BOYS&GIRLS TENNIS

Split Ends

Practice, practice, practice was the focus of the Boys Tennis team as they prepared for their opening match against Lowell.

Using precise hitting and ball placement, Lowell shut out the Kougars 0-5. They practiced hard the next day, got their act together and bounced back against Knox picking up the victory 4-1.

Winning one of three matches at the Twin Lakes Invite, they faced East Chicago. Shutting out East Chicago 5-0, they headed for the worst. Losing their next four games, Kougars faced North Judson.

Blowing by the Spartans, they faced all their conference rivals in the conference meet. Scoring four points as a whole, Doug Ruehl picked up an All N.W.H.C. Honorable Mention in #1 Singles.

"I think our season went pretty good. We ended up 6-10 which was an improvement from our 2-12 record," commented Doug Ruehl. "We got a lot better and next year we should have a great season. We're only losing one senior, and we have a lot of great players coming back."

Coach Roberts commented, "We improved a lot from last season. We lost three very close matches 2 to 3, otherwise we could have had a winning record."

Girls Tennis team was in for a surprise when new Head Coach Manda Hollis took the throne. Coach Hollis commented, "I was not sure what to expect, but I was really excited."

With her, came a whole new routine. The players found themselves doing exercises they had never done. Those exercises included a new exercise called DOTS, an assortment of parking lot exercises, and the mile run.

Ending their season, Dawn Veld commented, "I think our season went very well considering Becky and I were paired up the day before our first match."

Coach Hollis followed up by saying, "I think I could have improved the season by spending more time with the players on an individual basis." Holly Bristol added, "I could have improved our year by doing what coach told me to do the first time!" Dawn Veld also commented, "I could have been more consistent in my hits."

Standouts included Jamie Hamstra for #1 Singles. Angela Terborg and Norma Haan for #1 doubles.

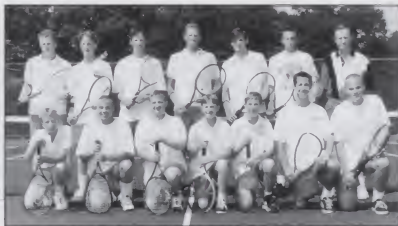
SCORES

Boys Tennis

| team played | score | W/L |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Lowell | 0-5 | L |
| Knox | 4-1 | W |
| Twin Lakes | 3-2 | W |
| Taylor | 2-3 | L |
| Benton Central | 0-5 | L |
| East Chicago | 5-0 | W |
| Lake Station | 1-4 | L |
| Rensselaer | 0-5 | L |
| Noll | 2-3 | L |
| M.C. Marquette | 2-3 | L |
| North Judson | 5-0 | W |
| NWHC | 4 Pts | |
| NWHC | | |
| Twin Lakes | 0-5 | |
| Benton Central | cancelled | L |
| Rensselaer | cancelled | |
| Calumet | 5-0 | W |
| Crown Point | 0-5 | L |
| -Sectionals- | | |
| Gary West | 5-0 | W |
| H a m m o n d | 2-3 | L |
| Clark | | |



From Row - Layton Myers, Shayla Foley, Danielle Murray, Becky Fox, Becky Schneider. Row 2 - Coach Manda Hollis, April Van Kley, Laura Novak, Dawn Veld, Amanda Mullins, Manager Jen Penninga. Back Row - Jamie Hamstra, Aimee Beougher, Ann VanderMolen, Norma Haan, Angie Terborg, Holly Bristol, Melanie Jonkman.



Front Row: Mike Deboard, Doug Ruehl, John Bell, Adam Bauman, Dave Fase, Chris Lukasic, Wes Graper. Back Row: Matt Niemiiller, Andy Studer, Brandon Arnett, Todd Moolenaar, Ryan Comet, Klye Hamstra, Coach Roberts

FACTS



Receiving the hard wind-mill pitches is sophomore catcher, Stacy Recker.



Shortstop. Amanda Hall holds the records for the most hits and most base hits.



Center fielder. Shanna Snyder also won the golden glove award for least errors. She was also named all conference.

Award Winners

Varsity:

Best Batting Average: Amanda Hall
Most Stolen Bases: Stacy Recker
Most Improved: Sandy Kappela
Rookie of the year: Jill Peterson
Golden Glove: Amanda Hall, Shanna Snyder
Most Dedicated: Summer Johnson

Junior Varsity:

Best Batting Average: Dawn Patrick
Most Stolen Bases: Cathy Vedcn
Most Improved: Tracy Robbins
Most RBI: Anne Koschal
Golden Glove: Rachel Sorba

Getting ready to make the play at first base Shanna Snyder is determined to make the third out.



On the bleachers, Jen Kopf and Shelly Myers watch the varsity play a game just a few minutes before their junior varsity game.

At bat Lindsey Musch waited for the perfect pitch to hit a double.



Varsity ; Junior Varsity Softball

Breaking Old Records

Junior Varsity finished their season 7500 9-9, the best record in KV history. The team was coached by Coach Flynn, Coach McAtee, and Coach Hart. "The coaches really helped out, and the fans were great", said sophomore Cathy Veden. The team consisted of 17 players. "We all got along great and that makes it easy for us to play hard as a team and have fun. We never gave up no matter how far we were down, we always stuck it out until the end," said sophomore Shelly Myers.

Junior Varsity's first game vs. North White freshmen pitcher, Amanda Alberts came to throw 10 strike outs while facing just 13 batters.

Varsity had a great season by finishing it off with setting new records. The records consisted of the following: Most Team Sacrifices and five out of the park home runs. Amanda Hall who hit two herself. The new RBI record was set by Stacy Recker with 24 RBIs. Amanda Hall also set two more school

records with 41 hits and 9 base hits.

Over 50 girls were nominated to go to all state. Amanda Hall was one of the top 25 who were named all district for our area.

Two players for this years Kougars bunch will take their places in KV's history books becoming the first two players to play four years on the varsity softball roster. They were seniors Amanda Hall and Shanna Snyder. Hall started at shortstop while Snyder roamed centerfield.

The Kougars Varsity team improved its record with 12 to 0 trashing of conference foe Lake Station. Candice Wilson pitched a one - hitter striking out 12 while Amanda Hall belted a 3 run homer.

Two individuals from each school were nominated and picked to be part of all conference. Summer Johnson and Jill Peterson were nominated, but the three who actually made it were Shanna Snyder, Amanda Hall and Stacy Recker.



SCORES

Varsity:

| | K.V. | OPPONENT |
|-------------------|------|----------|
| Hebron | 2 | 7 |
| Frontier | 4 | 3 |
| Hobart | 10 | 7 |
| South Central | 7 | 10 |
| Wheeler | 8 | 9 |
| River Forest | 7 | 3 |
| Michigan City | | |
| Marquette | 3 | 4 |
| S O U T H | | |
| Newton | 6 | 1 |
| Whiting | 17 | 0 |
| Lake Station | 12 | 0 |
| La Crosse | 10 | 0 |
| Griffith | 4 | 11 |
| N. White | 1 | 4 |
| Winamac | 13 | 11 |
| South Central | 11 | 0 |
| Lowell | 1 | 7 |
| East Chicago | | |
| DH | 26 | 6 |
| East Chicago | | |
| DH | 20 | 0 |
| North Newton | 0 | 1 |
| H A N O V E R | | |
| Central | 7 | 13 |
| North White | 10 | 3 |
| Lat. Harrison | 0 | 8 |
| S E C T I O N A L | | |
| Lake Central | 1 | 13 |



Varsity: Front Row: Amanda Hall, Christie Kaminski, Shannon Snyder, Row 2: Coach Flynn, Leah Sharp, Jill Peterson, Stacy Recker, Kylee Kramer, Jen Wians, Summer Johnson,



Junior Varsity: Front Row: Dawn Patrick, Kimmy Woods, Gina Stevens, Candice Wilson, Angie Kuhns, Shelly Myers, Row 2: Barb Merry, Stephanie Kruk, Daniele Karlowsky, Amanda Alberts, Tracy Robbins, Sarah Fernandez, Cathy Veden, Coach Flynn, Jen Kopf, Sarah Kennedy, Anne Roschal, Bridget Barrera, Lindsey Musch, Coach Hart, Coach McAtee

FACTS



Jeff Ramey
Varsity
Senior
Closing Pitcher
Played first
base



Aaron Shelbourne
Varsity
Sophomore
second baseman

Charming wildy, Tim Funston attempts to distract the opposing hitter.

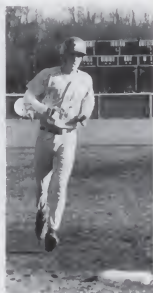


After popping out to the center fielder, Aaron Shelbourne gets some advice from Coach Greenlee while trotting back to the dugout.



Front Row: Keith Wehve, Troy Nuss, Chad VanReissen, Jeff Jones, Don Mahler, Adam Bauman, Ray Lawley. Back Row: Head Coach Mike McKay, Brian Culbreth, Greg Shivonne, Jeremy Rayner, Chad Nally, Casey Hayes, Antony Dixon

After crushing a home run, Tom Swafford rounds third



BASEBALL

Kougars Kickin'

Win, win, win was the thought instilled in the Varsity players minds as they started their season.

Win they did as they smoked 12 out of their first 14 opponents. After destroying Knox 11-3, Coach Greenlee commented, "So far our season has gone very well, we are 12-2, and as of April 30 we were ranked 17th in the state of Indiana and tied for first in the conference." Continuing, Coach Greenlee said, "We have to be consistent and stay aggressive if we want to keep a good record."

Kougars found themselves trailing 7-1 against a tough Wheeler team late in the forth inning. Wheeler's pitching fell apart giving up two three run homers. One by Tom Swafford. The Kougars battled back and won the game 17-10.

Losing to Tri-County and back to back games against North Newton, the Kougars found their state rank drop to 20th. Reality then set in as the Kougars bounced back from a three game skid to mutilate Lake Station and River Forest 13-2. North Judson halted

the Kougars momentum by beating them 4-3 in the first game of the double header. The Kougars would then wallop the Blue Jays 7-1 in the conclusion.

Shutting out both Benton Central and River Forest, the Kougars traveled to West Vigo to get destroyed 13-4. The Kougars then hosted the Hobart Brickies.



The Kougars took a quick 2-0 due to good ball hitting and an excellent pitching job by Matt Neimiller. Matt pitched a shut out until Brickies third baseman crushed a two run homer over right center field to tie the game. Neimiller would prove to be the savior of the game by lining a single to center, scoring the man on third. Kougars won 3-2, backed by a complete game of solid pitching from Matt Neimiller.

The Kougars improved to 18-6. Continuing their season in the seasonals, the Kougars would meet the Boone Grove Wolves.

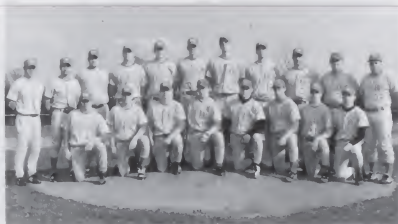
SCORES

Varsity and Jv baseball

| team played | score | W/L |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Washington Twp. | 3-1 | W |
| Boone Grove | 9-7 | W |
| Hebron | 13-1 | W |
| Portage | 9-8 | W |
| Lake Station | 4-3 | W |
| Kouts | 17-6 | W |
| Lowell | 9-5 | W |
| Lowell | 4-2 | W |
| West Central | 11-2 | W |
| Lake Central | 6-12 | L |
| Rensselaer | 2-3 | L |
| Rensselaer | 14-7 | W |
| Twin Lakes | 14-2 | W |
| Knox | 11-3 | W |
| Wheeler | 17-10 | W |
| Tri County | 0-6 | L |
| North Newton | 0-10 | L |
| North Newton | 2-5 | L |
| Lake Station | 13-2 | W |
| River Forest | 13-2 | W |
| North Judson | 3-4 | L |
| North Judson | 7-1 | W |
| River Forest | 15-0 | W |
| Benton Central | 2-0 | W |
| West Vigo | 4-13 | L |
| Hobart | 3-2 | W |



Junior Varsity: Front Row: George Graffier, Jason Sark, Erik Banks, Brent Stubblefield, Zach Zesko, Josh Fernandez, Randall Gooden. Back Row: Head Coach Mike Stephens, Aaron Porter, Ryan Stan, Jim Hamsira, Joey Swallow, Trevor Jones.



Varsity: Front row: Jason VanderWoude, Steve Schoon, Mike Bozell, Matt Neimiller, Ivan Hollman, Jeff Ranney, Tim Funston, Aaron Shelbourne. Back Row: Coach Howard, Coach Stevens, Tim Collier, Tom Swafford, Robb Koschal, Brent Tryzbylski, Dan Nannenga, Tom Swafford, Jon Hart, Coach Orsburn, Coach Greenlee

FACTS



Ben Croutreau said "Every time my foot hits the track I worry about giving all the power I got."



Matt Kovach thinks "I think about messing with their minds, trying to make them run faster than they want to," when he runs.



Brandon Baker thinks about "Clearing them and doing my best to get over them as quick as possible," when he runs hurdles.

When **David Veldman** throws, he thinks about "throwing a punch instead of throwing the shot."

AWARD WINNERS

Major - Minor

Freshmen:

Brandon Baker

Akum Hamstra

Arden Kramer

Jeff Terborg

Sophomores

Jason Cohoon

Jay Deardorff

Brent Kuper

Arden Kramer

Charles Stalbaum

Juniors:

Lance Culp

Dane Jalovec

Joshua Nelson

Jacob Slatton

Seniors:

Luke Flory

Mike Nannenga

Jamie Smith

Simon Flory

Ryan Koslowski

Steve Myers

David Veldman

Ben Croutreau

David Haas

Aaron Ketchum

Matt Kovach

Bill Garvey (Mngr.)

D. Andrew Nannenga

Justin Shaffer

Alana Zarembo (Mngr.)

Jan Hobza

Devin Simmons

Tim Ventrella



Jamie Smith fixes the height of the bar in the high jump competition at sectional competition. Running anchor for the 4x100m relay, **Devin Simmons** stated that "I felt that I made finals in my two events." He did so in the 200m dash.



Boys Track

Strong Opening; Weak Ending

Boys' Track Team opened the season with a strong win against Rensselaer scoring 95-37, which is the largest win against Rensselaer, in a long time. Kougars had the win coming to them, by rigorously practicing every day after school, during the season. Rain, nor snow kept runners from workouts like the perimeter, and the "back" miles.

Their last regular meet showed spectators that they had worked hard. Devin Simmons ran a surprisingly ecstatic 200m dash placing first. In the mile relay the exhibition team of Tim Ventirello, Joshua Nelson, Brandon Baker, and Adam Hamstra kept in the lead the first lap, but in the second, Nelson kept the lead, until he was "Worrying about when to cut in," and looked behind to see if anyone else had made the move in. At that point Matt Kovach over took Nelson by a few feet. Exhibition team would keep in second until Adam Hamstra lost his heat, and slowed down. Scoring team: Steve Myers, Matt Kovach, Jan Hobza, and Jason Cohoon placed second after a

strong race but Cohoon was passed up by a runner from Kouts; losing first place.

The toughest contender in sectional action was Valpo, with its strong sprinters and good jumpers it was "No doubt about it that they (were) gonna' win," said Mike Nannenga. According to Nannenga what hurt the team the most was that most of the good runners were

hurt. Sectionals would be a taker of players with the untimely injury of David Haas. As he was running the finals for the 110 high hurdles, he extended his leg over a hurdle, some how hurting his hip. Mike Nannenga was also hurt and therefore could not run in sectionals. Justin

Shaffer, a distance runner, was also injured.

As with most track runners, and many athletes, making it into the final rounds is a hope. "I felt that I made Finals in my two events (200m dash, and Long Jump)," Devin Simmons, who like many hoped to advance and he'll "take it from there."



SCORES

Boys Track

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1st Home Meet - | |
| Kankakee Valley | 79 2/3 |
| Lowell | 81 1/3 |
| North Newton | 6 |
| Meet at Winamac - | |
| Kankakee Valley | 81 |
| Winamac | 58 |
| Knox | 28 |
| Twin Lakes Invitational - | |
| Kankakee Valley | 3 of 6 |
| Meet at Lake Station - | |
| Kankakee Valley | 66 |
| North Judson | 59 |
| Lake Station | 31 |
| Rensselaer Relays - | |
| Kankakee Valley | 4 of 8 |
| Meet at Hebron - | |
| Kankakee Valley | 72 1/2 |
| Hebron | 50 1/2 |
| Washington Township | 41 |



Luke Flory
advanced to Regional action in the 3200 run with the time of 9:50, placing first. Also Flory advanced through Regionals and Semi State breaking his own Personal Record by 17 seconds in a photo finish. He placed second.



Front Row: Dane Jalovec, Simon Flory, Justin Shaffer, Ryan Kozlowski, Arlan Kramer, Jay Deardorff, D. Andrew Nannenga, Lance Culp, Aaron Keithum. Row 2: Brandon Baker, Jacob Station, Ben Crouleau, Tim Ventirello, Jan Hobza, Ryan Myers, Jason Cohoon, Jeff Terhorg. Back Row: Joshua Nelson, Luke Flory, Mike Nannenga, Jamie Smith, David Haas, David Veldimen, Adam Hamstra, Matt Kovach, Coach Roberts.



Running in lane six, Lance Culp races to the finish of an excellent 100m dash.

FACTS



Kelly Stamper speed demon is the fastest sprinters in the conference. Jennifer Trock soars over team scores to have the best long jumping record



AWARD WINNERS

Major - Minor

Freshmen -

Mindy Czaplak

Jillian English

Marissa Green

Kristen Kruchowski

Tracy Opolski

Ashley Rewerts

Liz Vargas

Angie Williams

Sophomores -

Jessica Bell

Lynn Hanley (Mngr.)

Mindy Spinner

Juniors -

Helen Hicks

Jill Spurgeon

Jennifer Trock

Diane Watson

Seniors -

Karl Deardorff

Jennifer DeYoung

Kelli Gilbert

Rachel Hamstra

Sandy Koselke

Jessica Ramsey

Jennifer Szabo

Jessica Whitaker

Kelley Zeienaga

Minia Fritz

Kristi Kanningha

Kelly Stamper

Laura Norris

Alesha Studer

Rainie Truman

Forehand



Jill Spurgeon runs the 100m and 400m relays. Spurgeon also ran the hurdles, and in NWHC meet placed second with a time of 17.26 seconds. In the meet at Crown Point Jenney Evans prepares to jump, as the official checks to see that Evans has not scratched.



Girls Track

"The Race Is In My Lane"

Girls track team opened their season with strong wins and quick times. On April 25 Kelly Stamper, Laura Norris, Jill Spurgeon, Kristi Kamminga, Kelli Gilbert, and Alesha Studer, broke their PRs (Personal Records).

Blue Ribbon winners for the lady Kougars were Jen Trock (long jump 14'11"), Kelly Stamper (100m dash 12.5, 200m dash 26.60), Laura Norris (400m dash 1:05), Jill Spurgeon (300 hurdles 52.90) and all three relays: 4x100 runners Trock, Spurgeon, Mandi Czapl, Stamper with the time of 56.03, 4x400 runners Tracy Opolski, Jennie Evans, Czapl, Norris with the time of 4:32.40, and the 4x800 relay with the time of 11:25.

Sprinter and distance runner Kristen Kruchowski went down with a broken hip, ending her season. She not only broke her hip, she also pulled the muscle away from the bone.

Despite waiting nearly an hour to start the meet and finishing in the lights, which were pointed at the field and not the track the lady Kougars came away victorious with wins over Northwest Hoosier Conference foes

North Judson and Lake Station. Spurgeon came out in the lead in the 100m (17.8) and the 300m (52.63) hurdles. The speed demon Kelly Stamper sped past opponents in the 100m (12.84), 200m (26.78) and the 400m dash (1:00.30). Following up with first place wins was Studer with a six minute mile.



Both the 4x100 and the 4x400 took firsts also.

At the next home meet, the Ladies came out with a large lead with 86 points followed by Lowell 39, and North Newton 37.

Stamper, one of the fastest girls in the conference, has placed first in most, if not all of her runs. At the NWHC Stamper captured the 100m and 200m dashes for the second straight year and anchored the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. Her time in the 200m dash broke her own NWHC record of 26.50, set as freshman with the time of 26.24. Rensselaer ran a little faster than the Ladies with the final score of 152, with the Ladies having 118 points. Coach Adams

commented that Rensselaer had the depth we were blessed with for the past several years. They were able to cover their bases in a lot of areas and were able to come through with points in events they were relatively weaker at.

In Sectional action though, was less proving than what many suspected. Kougars, whose season's motto was "The race is in my lane," proved to the spectators, that after sectionals, they still could run fast. They were expected to go in and run hard coming out in last, but the girls did better than suspected; placing over Morgan Township which had beaten them earlier in the season.

SCORES

Girls track

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| NWHC - Rensselaer | 152 |
| Kankakee Valley | 118 |
| North Newton | 73 |
| North Judson | 59 |
| Lake Station | 51 |
| River Forest | 20 |



Front Row: Mindy Spenner, Jennifer Trock, Jessica Whitaker, Kristi Kamminga, Kelli Gilbert, Row 2: Angie Williams, Jill Spurgeon, Jessica Ramage, Kristi Kruchowski, Liz Vargas, Alesha Studer, Lynn Hanley (Mgr.), Row 3: Jilyan English, Kari Deardort, Marissa Green, Sandy Koselke, Ashley Rewerts, Jessica Bell, Row 4: Helen Hicks, Jenny Evans, Laura Norris, Mandi Czapl, Kelly Zeileaga, Back Row: Coach Adams, Mina Fritz, Diane Watson, Kelly Stamper, Tracy Opolski, Jennifer DeYoung, Rachel Hamsira, Jennifer Szabo, Ramie Truman, Orchard, Coach Maple



Jennifer Trock hands the baton to Jill Spurgeon in the 100m relay.

FACTS



Amanda Hall
-senior
Placed 25th at
state in cross
country.



Todd Moolenaar
-senior
First swimmer to
ever win a point
at state.



Tom Swafford
-junior
Wrestled at state.



Cheerleaders made a stand at one of
KVS pep sessions.

Top Right- Running with power, Amanda
Hall strides for her finish.

Right- Earning All American Football
honors were Mike Bahnerth, Jamie
Smith and Jamie Patrick.



POST SEASON

Athletes Top Charts

Special Olympics Basketball Sectionals began at Valparaiso University on March 15. Valpo U. was one of the four places in the state that hosted a quarter of the 186 total Indiana Special Olympics teams.

Recent successes for the teams included runners up status for the Juniors and Division I Senior team's qualification for the Final Four. Also on February 8, the Juniors won the Tournament at Boone Grove. Senior teams competed in a ten-team tourney held at Valparaiso High School on March 8. Participating in the KV Special Olympics team was a learning experience for all the athletes and

was fun for anyone on the team. "I think it was great, it was awesome," related Mike Bratz, who enjoyed the game of basketball. "It was very challenging

and intimidating playing with all the guys, but it was a lot of fun," said partner Helen Hicks.

Special Olympics Basketball team, coached by Otis Cochran and Randy Scott, did not necessarily "fit the mold" of normal high school teams. There was a different approach and meaning to team work. Special players learned how to work with partners—those without special needs who played basketball. This make-up of athletes created what is known as a unified team. "They learned to accept each other's needs and worked together as a team," commented head coach Cochran.

Special Olympics Basketball helped the kids to be able to deal with the differences of others, and how they could help each other in the future. Other state successes included: Todd Moolenaar in swimming, Amanda Hall in cross-country, Tom Swafford in wrestling, and Luke Flory in 3200 Track.



After winning the sectional basketball game at Rensselaer, Jen Kalut is interviewed by a radio announcer.



Supporting the girls volleyball team was easy for rowdy fans behind the ever-sassant Tim Funston.



Accepting the sectional and regional trophies from seniors Mike Nannenga, Katie Deardorff, and Luke Flory, Mr. Apple adds them to the schools cross country success case

GRADE A SCHOOL

With many activities, sports, and clubs for one to participate in, it was difficult for students to find time to relax. Many students had after school jobs which took up most of their time for hanging out with friends.

Activities as well as Academics were a big part of students lives. Some Seniors took the leap from high school to college during the second semester. While other Seniors filled out the many forms needed to enroll in college for the fall of '97 or prepared themselves for their future career. Juniors sold chicken dinners to raise money for the annual prom. Sophomores won the lip sync and banner contests during Homecoming week. Freshmen debated on where to go for their annual class trip. Faculty came in 2nd place behind the Hammond Times and earned the Corporate Challenge Cup. Faculty members participated in four teams while earning a medal in each event. The Golden T-shirt won a 1st and Mr. Adams came in first overall in the 3 mile run. Another main event for faculty members was the negotiating of a contract.

While creating memories, students and staff found activities that made them a **GRADE A SCHOOL.**

Right: Jazz Band members Mark Kachic and Susan Hinde stop to change music during the Staff Appreciation Breakfast
Below: Clayton Myers enjoyed a few minutes of silence while reading a book from the library.



In addition to teaching U.S. History and English, Mrs. Price was the ticket manager. She collected all of the admission costs for home football and basketball games.



Cheerleaders Jen Peo, Heidi Huckabay, and Jen Trock worked hard on a cheer for their National competition in Dallas, Texas that was held on Dec. 28-30.



KV staff members Dave Hart, Don Moolenaar, and Judy Bailey took time out of their busy work schedule for the Staff Appreciation breakfast sponsored by Sunshine.



Album Grade A People

- (98) Seniors
- (112) Juniors
- (118) Sophomores
- (124) Freshmen
- (130) Staff

Angelee Abbing: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity 10, 11; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Jr. National Honor Society 9; Swing Choir 10; Track 9, 10, 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11; FCA 9, 10, 11; Mary Ahrenki: Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Drama 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 12; Peer Facilitation 11, 12; Science Olympiad 10, 11, 12; SADD 11; Track 9, 10; Sean Anderson: Stacy Anderson BPOA 11; Sunshine 10

Hollie Apple: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 11; Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Jr. Miss 12; Manager 10; Powder Pull 11, 12; Spell Bowl 10; Swing Choir 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Steven Bachman: Mike Bahouth: FCA 10, 11; Varsity 10, 11, 12; FLC 11; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Jason Bailey: Band 9, 10, 11; Foreign Language Club 10, 11

Ryan Bailey: Andy Bakker: Jason Bakker: Drama 9, 10, 11; Representative: 124 President; Pathfinders 9, 10, 12; Spirit 9; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Peer Facilitation 12; Academic Decathlon 12; Computer Club 11, 12; Speech Team 11, 12; Environmental Action 12; Swing Choir 10, 11, 12; Concert Choir 124 President; Melissa Banks: Sunshine 10, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 11, 12; Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball Manager 10; Powder Pull 11, 12



Seniors venture out for more education

Seniors venture out and explore college while still going to high school.

"This program is very successful because students complete the requirements for high school graduation and get a jump on their college education. For the students attending local college it is an excellent way to get their foot in the door, become use to 'College Life,' and to get an early start on their college career," said Principal Apple.

Stephanie Bell, a senior who goes a half day to high school and to college said, "I chose to go to college half a day, because I only needed three credits to graduate and the opportunity was intellectu-

ally inviting. I am completely satisfied with the choice I have made. I enjoy college. It has given me the opportunity to meet new people and get a head start on the schooling I need for my career choice."

In order to go to college all year a student must have a 3.0 index and may not have received a lower grade than a C in high school.

"If you are going to give up your senior year, you have to give it up in a mature way. Going to college challenges in a different way. It requires a lot more independent thinking. You are exposed to enormous pressures to succeed, and it requires a great amount of discipline," said Mr. Hughes, Se-

nior Guidance Counselor.

"Once a student is accepted in college, success or failure will not depend on intelligence. Success or failure will depend on the will to succeed and a well disciplined plan to achieve. That includes the development of study skills, writing skills, and communication skills," said Mr. Hughes.

The college early release program has involved about five students during the second semester each of the last four years.

Dustin Wright said he is taking a class, "So I can be a certified welder by the time I start college at Purdue next year."

Additional students

who went to college during the second semester were Jacob Rohder, Carrie Gregory, Nicole Gary, and Kimberly Jakich.

The early release program included three options:

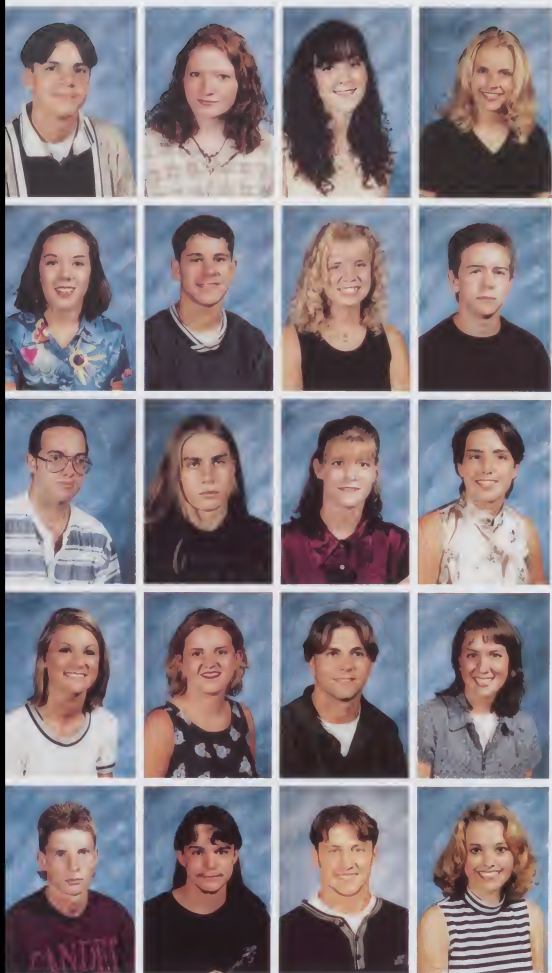
1) Go to high school half a day and go to college for six hours a week all year.

2) Go to high school a half day the first semester and go to college six hours a week. Second semester take 12 college credit hours.

3) Go to college full-time during both semesters.

There are no high school requirements, but the student still can graduate with his/her class.





Jaymes Barrera Baseball 9, 10
Stephanie Barton Sunshine 9, 10,
11, 12; Foreign Language Club 9,
10, 11, 12; Powder Pull 11, 12,
Spirit 9, 10
Kelly Beal Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12,
Color Guard 9
Stephanie Bell Environmental Ac-
tion 10, 11; Vice President, Sun-
shine 9, 10; Newspaper 11; Soft-
ball 10, 11; Pathfinders 9.

Courtney Belstra Spirit 10, 12,
Peer Facilitation 11, 12; Foreign
Language Club 11-Treasurer
Darick Bennett
Amice Beougher Sunshine 9, 10,
11, 12; Secretary; Drama 10, 11,
12; Pathfinders 9, 10; Spirit 11, 12-
Secretary; Color Guard 9, 10, 11,
12; Winter Guard 9, 10, 11, 12,
Student Council 11; Foreign Lan-
guage Club 9, 10, 11; Boy's Swim-
ming Manager 12; Powder Pull 11,
12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12.
Bill Bertram

Jeronik Black Powder Pull Man-
ager 12
Bill Boogie
Christine Bonnemai Sunshine 9,
10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12;
SADD 9; Pathfinders 9, 10; Girls
Track Manager 9; Powder Pull 11,
12
Holly Bristol Sunshine 9, 10, 11,
12; Spirit 9; BPOA 11, 12; Color
Guard 11, 12; Winter Guard 11, 12;
Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12-
Vice President; Powder Pull 11,
12; Volleyball 9, 10; Tennis 10, 11,
12
Melissa Brooker
Rachel Bryan
Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders
10, 11, 12; Spirit 9, 10, 11; BPOA
11, 12-Photographer; Environ-
mental Action 10, 11; Powder Pull
11, 12; SADD 9, 10
Chris Bryczek Football 9, 10
Kim Bull Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12;
Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Envi-
ronmental Action 10, 11; National Honor Society 10, 11,
12-Treasurer; Powder Pull 11, 12.

Brandon Caldwell
Jason Call
Chris Capellari Football 9, 10, 11,
12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Envi-
ronmental Action 12
Amanda Camell Sunshine 12;
Newspaper 12; Poms 9, 10.

Ron Cates, FCA 9, 10, 11, FLC 12; Basketball 9; Pathfinders 12.

Amy Chester Yearbook 10, 11; Associate Editor/Student Council Club Representative, 12; Editor-in-Chief; Concert Band 10, 11; Student of the Month in April, 12; Marching Band 11, 12; Lab Band 12; Pep Band 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 12; Quill and Scroll 10, 11; Treasurer, 12; President, Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Who's Who of America 11, 12; Environmental Action 10; Media Club 9, 10; Spirit 9, 10; BPOA 9; Foreign Language Club 9; Charles Clark Football 9; Pathfinders 9, 10, 12; Computer Club 11, 12.

Dana Clark Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Speech Team 11, 12; Powder Pull 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11; Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Jr. Miss 10, 11, 12 (Tech crew); Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 9, 10, 11; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Spirit 11, 12; Kougat 12; Pathfinders 9.

Chad Clay

C. J. Cochran

Jon Coffey

Joe Coffey

Tabatha Coffey Sunshine 9, 11; FCA 9; Pathfinders 9, 10; Spirit 9; Mirage 10; Environmental Action 9; Powder Pull 11.

Erica Coleman

Lisa Cooper Powder Pull 12.

Ryan Conner Spirit 9, 10; Environmental Action 10; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10; Computer Club 10, 11, 12; Tennis 12.

Tony Culig

Jen Dapshis Media 9.

Patrick Dean Computer 11, 12.

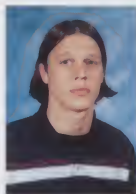
Karen Deardorff Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 12; Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity 12; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball Manager 10; Powder Pull 11, 12; Who's Who of Americans.

Katie Deardorff FCA 10; SADD 11, 12; Pathfinders 11; Spirit 9, 10; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Peer Facilitation 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9.

Brett DeBoer Basketball 9.

Keith Dinga Academic Decathlon 11; Computer Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 11.

Jason Dooge





Suzi Drzik: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9, 10, 11; Art Club 12; Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Cheerleader 9, 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Corey Dykhuizen: Baseball 9, 10; Sarah Ecnigeburg: Jennie Evans: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9; Varsity 11, 12; Cross Country 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11.

Brad Evert: Baseball 10, 11; Mirage 12; Jeremy Fitzpatrick: Brian Fletcher: Stephen Flory: FCA 10, 11; Pathfinders 12; Spirit 9; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10; Co-Captain 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.

Christina Fotinos: Sunshine 9, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 11; Powder Puff 12; Jamie Freeman: Bill Frey: Football 12; Computer Club 11; Track 12; Male Litter 12; Nicole Funston: National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10; Volleyball Manager 10, 11, 12; Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9; Foreign Language Club 11; Powder Puff 11, 12; SADD 9; Junior National Honor Society 9.



Seniors support Stephanie Soto on becoming Homecoming Queen. The Senior class gave her 75 roses in celebration of her victory.



John Gallagher
Nicole Gary
Megan Gentry
Greg Gorski

Marcus Gott Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Jason Granter
Carrie Gregory
Michael Greshaw Golf 10, 11
Drama 9 Computer 9, 10, 11, 12

Jamie Grevenstak
Catherine Grube Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, Spirit 12; Color Guard 9, 10, 11, 12, Winter Guard 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, Powder Puff 11, 12, Tennis 9, Band 9, 10, 12
Norma Haan Sunshine 10, 11; Vice President, 12; President, FCA 10, 11; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, Spirit 9, 10; Varsity 11, 12, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Jr Miss 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12, Student of the Month 10, 11
Amanda Hall Sunshine 10, 11, 12, FCA 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 11, Spirit 9; Varsity 10, 11, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12; President, Computer Club 11; Treasurer, Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Co-Captain, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Co-Captain, Powder Puff 11; Hoosier Girls State Delegate 11.

Ryan Haring
Adam Hart Spirit 9, Basketball 9, Morning League 10, 11, 12
Richard Hayes
Ricky Heck

Crystal Heiner
Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12, Powder Puff 11, 12, Curt Henry
Dave Henry Baseball 9, Basketball 9, 10, 11
Amanda Henson Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; SAJD 12, Pathfinders 12, Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11; Cheerleader 9, 10, Softball 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 11, 12.



Eric Hepworth
John Hickema
Justin Hildebrand
Ivan Hoffman Basketball 9, 10, 11
12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football
9, 12; Varsity 12.

Melissa Howard Sunshine 9, 10, 11
12; FCA 11; Drama 11; SADD 10, 11,
12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9,
12; National Honor Society 10, 11,
12; Peer Facilitation 11, 12; Class
Treasurer 9, 10; Foreign Language
Club 10, 11, 12; Swing Choir 12;
Powder Puff 11, 12; Student Council
Senior Class Representative.

Jeff Hubbard
Stephanie Hyatt Sunshine 9, 10,
Powder Puff 11, 12.
Cassie Inman Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12,
FCA 10, FFA 9, 10, 11-Vice President,
12-Vice President; SADD 9, 10, 11
12-Secretary; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11,
12; Spirit 10; National Honor Society
11, 12; Student Council 11; Foreign
Language Club 10, 11; Powder Puff
11, 12; Volleyball Manager 9.

JD Jablonski Track 9, 10, 11.
Kimberly Jakich Swimming 9, 10, 11,
Sunshine 10, 11, Spirit 11, 12-Represen-
tative, Yearbook 12, Newspaper
10, 11, 12-Editor-in-Chief; Powder
Puff 11, 12; Environmental Action 11,
12.

Christina Jimenez Sunshine 11,
Yearbook 10, Media 11, 12.
Jeffrey Johnson



Seniors help elect end of century President

Little things can add up. When 17 year olds turn 18, they enter the world of adult responsibility.

Eighteen year olds can legally smoke, get a tattoo, move out, rent adult movies, sign out of school, and buy a lottery ticket. They can also vote, work full-time, get a loan, and have a later curfew.

Seniors whether they did or did not exercise their right to VOTE in the Presidential Election had strong political opinions.

"I think that Dole, a Republican, could make a difference in the United States by being President. Clinton, a Democrat has raised the Federal debt and lied about it along with White Water," said



Jeremy Fitzpatrick.

On the other hand the majority preferred Ross Perot, an Independent. Shauna Orlich said, "I didn't like Dole's views on abortion, and I didn't agree with what Clinton has done since he's been in the office. The natural debate is unbelievable."

"By wanting Clinton to win I am not saying that I agree with everything that he stands for. Because of the line of work my family is in, I would have

to agree with Clinton's views. My father is in the Union for Electrical workers, and I feel that Clinton's views best represent what my family needs, and what other families need as well," said Tim Ventirello.

"If I could, I wouldn't choose any of the candidates, but I sure don't want a potential criminal running the Country I live in," said Melissa Howard.

Although Bob Dole won the popularity vote for Indiana, President Bill Clinton was reelected as a second term minority President with 49 percent of the vote. Bob Dole had 42 percent, and Ross Perot had 8 percent.

Cassie Inman and Melissa Howard walk toward the bus after hearing President Clinton's speech in Michigan City.

Bill Johnson: Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
Elizabeth Jones: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12;
BPOA 12; Volleyball 9, Powder Puff 11, 12; Spirit 10; Art Club 12; Foreign Language 9, 10, 11;
Karen Jonkman: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Manager 10; Powder Puff 11, 12;
Melanie Jonkman: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 10; 124hrs representative; National Honor Society 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Swing Choir 11, 12;
Mark Kachle: Football 9, Band 9, 10, 11, 12;
Amber Kalut: Tennis 9; Spirit 9, 10; SADD 11, 12; Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; BPOA 11; Powder Puff 11, 12;
Jennifer Kalut: Sunshine 9, 10, 11; FCA 11; Drama 12; SADD 9; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11; Spirit 9; Varsity 11; Art Club 12; Peer Facilitation 11; Senior Vice-president; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Foreign Language Club 11;
Christie Kaminski: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10; Varsity 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10; Baseball Manager 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Volleyball 9; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12;
Donno Kunninga: Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9; Jr. Miss 12; Basketball 9, 10; Powder Puff 11, 12;
Sandy Kapella: Basketball 9; Volleyball 10; Pioneer 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12;
Rachel Kaper: Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Senior Class President; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Junior Class President; Basketball 9; Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12;
William Kaper



What the Seniors think of their School Spirit...

Scott Pendergrass: "The spirit of the seniors is awesome, and the seniors rule."

Melissa Banks: "The spirit among the seniors is good, it really showed through during Homecoming Pep Session."

Cassie Inman: "I think the spirit among seniors is that for all the years in the past we have been divided, but as seniors we become closer together and try to become a great class with a lot of school spirit."

Andrea Summers: "It's good that we have school spirit, because we have an influence on the underclassmen."

Jennifer Peo: "I think when you become a Senior that everyone starts to bond together and show lots of school spirit, because we know it's our last year to participate in a function related to high school."

Cheering for the seniors Scott Pendergrass and Corey Dykhuizen accept the Class Spirit Stick from Mr. Apple during the Homecoming Pep Session.





Angela Karch Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Pathfinders 11, 12; Spirit 10; Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Powder Pull 11, 12.
Tammie Kay
Josh Klein
Aaron Klemp



Joseph Kopanda
Jason Kopf
Kary Korth
Steven Koselke



Mike Krooswyk
Jeff Lauritis FCA 10, 11, Varsity 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10.
Mike Lewis
Sara Lotz



Tara Lucdike Sunshine 9, 10, 11, Drama 9, Pathfinders 10, 11, FCA 10; Cheerleader 11, Tennis 9.
Michael Mak
Keith Marion Manager 12, FFA 9
Leaha Marshall Sunshine 10, 11, 12, Powder Pull 11, 12.



Kyle Martin FCA 9, 10, 11; Spirit 9, 10; Varsity 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10; Tennis 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, Golf 11, 12.
Steven Mattocks
Thomas Maxfield Mirage 11, Art Club 10.
Mike McCoy Football 10, 11, 12, Track 10; Computer Club 12; FFA 9; United Basketball 10, 11, 12.



Paula McIntire Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12-Captain; Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Color Guard 12; Powder Pull 12; Media 12; Boy's Swimming Manager 11; Varsity 11, 12; Tennis 10; Pathfinders 10, 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10

Elizabeth McIntosh
Max McLain Mirage 12; Wrestling 10.

Andrew Meeks

Andy Mills

Philip Moolenaar Pathfinders 11, 12; Spirit 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12.

B. J. Moore Sunshine 9, 10, 12; BPOA 12; Foreign Language Club 10; Powder Pull 12.

Nathan Mount Spirit 9; Golf 9, 10, 12; FCA 11; Student Council 10; Art Club 12; Pathfinders 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10.

Brad Mullins

Sean Murray FFA 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11; Computer 10, 11, 12.

Ryan Myers FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9; Varsity 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12-Captain; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Foreign Language 11, 12.

Keith Nannenga BPOA 11; Football 9; Football Manager 11; Baseball Manager 11.

Michael Nannenga Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 12; Computer Club 11; Peer Facilitation 11; Varsity 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11-Vice-President, 12-President; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12.

Arthur Newbury
Matt Niemiller Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11-Treasurer, 12; Varsity 11, 12; Computer Club 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 11; Pathfinders 11; Environmental Action 11.

Matt Norris National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Baseball Manager 10, 11, 12; Computer Club 9, 10, 11, 12.

Katie Oatis Sunshine 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11; SADD 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 11; Spirit 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10; Cheerleader 11; Powder Pull 12; Environmental Action 10; Mirage 12.

Cindy Ode Academic Decathlon 11, 12-Captain; Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Drama Thespians 10, 11, 12-Officer; National Honor Society 11, 12; Computer 11; Foreign Language Club 10, 11-Vice-President, 12; Environmental Action 9, 10, 11-Photographer, 12.

Nathan Onick
Edwin Ooms Baseball 10; Football 9; Basketball 9; FCA 9.





Shanna Orlich
Kelli Orsburn Class Officer 9, 11,
12; Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, For-
eign Language Club 10, 11, 12,
Pathfinders 11, 12; FCA 9, 10;
Volleyball 9, 10; Basketball 9;
Powder Puff 11, 12.
Derrick Orlyl
Rickie Owens



Matt Paczkowski
Jamie Patrick Football 9, 10, 11,
12
Tara Patterson Mirage 12.
Scott Pondengrass Swimming 9;
Football 9, 10, Male Litter 10, 11.



Jennifer Pao Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, FCA
9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12,
Spirit 9, 10, 11, 12, Varsity 11, 12, Peer
Facilitation 11, Jr Miss 12, Class Officers
10 Secretary, 11 Vice-President, FLC 10,
11, 12, Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12 Co-
Captain, Baseball Manager 10, 11, Soft-
ball 9, Powder Puff 11 Co-Captain, 12,
Prom Court 11, Jr Homecoming Court 12,
Billy Perkins Football 9, 10, 11, 12 Cap-
tain, Track 10, 12, Wrestling 12, Class
Officer 9 President, Foreign Language
Club 9, 10, 11, FCA 10, 11, Pathfinders
10, 11, 12, Varsity 12.
Danielle Pierson
Joao Felipe de Azevedo Pinto Soccer 12,
Band 12, Marching Band 12.



Zukley's 10 Zingers

- #1 Senior Square Day
- #2 Five Cases of Dalmation Ears
- #3 Toilet Necklace
- #4 Zukley's Computer Game
- #5 Anonymous Names
- #6 Vanilla Ice Fan Club
- #7 New Kids on the Block Fan Club
- #8 Power Rangers
- #9 McDonald's Toys
- #10 Herbie, his pet alligator, who
wants to be a dentist

Kevin Zukley, Tony Culig, Jon Coffer, Jason
Bailey, and Tim Schanlaub utilize Kevin's
squares for a day.



Chuck Poole: SADD 9, 12; Pathfinders 12, Mirage 12, Art 12.
 Joe Poole: Band 9, 10, 11; String Ensemble 11, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Computer Club 12.
 Jeff Ramsey: Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Art Club 12; Mirage 12.
 Casey Riser: Sunshine 9, 10; Basketball 9; Powder Pull 12.



Jacob Rohder
 Adam Roorda
 Amanda Roorda: Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, Pathfinders 9, 10; Spirit 12, BPOA 11, 12; Treasurer: Jr. Miss 12; Powder Pull 11, 12, Band 9, 10, 11, Computer Club 12, Foreign Language Club 11, 12.
 Kelly Rubin



Andi Rust
 Adam Saboll: Tennis 9, 10, Swimming 9, 10, 11, BPOA 12, FFA 12.
 Amanda Saylor: Sunshine 10, 11, 12.
 Tim Schinlaub



What is your favorite class and Why...

Andi Meeks- "Economics, because the teacher makes it fun to be in the class."

Kim Bult- "I don't have a favorite class. All of my teachers are good teachers, but I can't say any classes stand out as being the best."

Stephanie Barton- "Government, because Mr. Hoover is awesome, and he knows how to make it fun."

JD Jablonski- "Mr. Hamilton's class, because he is a good teacher and can get through to his students."

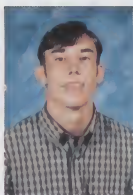
Kary Korth- "Government, because Mr. Hoover has a way of teaching the students to understand what is going on in the world today and the way it was in the past."

Bill Perkins- "Creative Art Literature because Ms. Boos makes me use all the dimensions of my mind."

Kari Deardorff- "Creative Arts and Literature, I love English classes. It makes you realize things about yourself while learning other things. Having a great teacher helps also."

Andi Meeks takes a break during study time to read Readers Digest in Mr. Adam's classroom.





Brian Schlessor
Cory Scott Pathfinders 12; Varsity 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Male Litter 11, 12.
Patrick Scott
Anubika Serocinski Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; Spirit 12; Winter Guard 12; Computer Club 11, 12; Science Club 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 12; Environmental Action 9, 10, 12; Jazz Band 11, 12; Marching 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10; Orchestra 10, 11; Concert Band 9, 10, 11.



Gina Shanks Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; Art Club 11, 12; Mirage 12; Foreign Language Club 11; Sotball 12; Volleyball 9; Powder Puff 11, 12; Soccer 12.
Paul Sheman
Roberta Shirley Sunshine 9, 10, BPOA 10; SADD 9.
Christopher Short Mirage 12; Art Club 12.



Russell Shouse Football 9; Golf 9, 11, 12; Mirage 12; Art Club 12; President
Angela Shutz BPOA 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine 9, 10, 11; Color Guard 9; Winter Guard 9, 11; Powder Puff 11; L.U. Honors Foreign Language Program 11-Germany
Devin Simmons Varsity 11; Computer 12; Swimming 10, 11, 12; Track 11, 12.
Chad Skinner



Angela Smith Band 9, 10, 11; Choir 10, 12; Sunshine 9, 10, 12; BADD 9; Yearbook 9; Computer Club 12; Powder Puff 12.
Janison Smith Varsity 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Representative, FCA 12; Peer Facilitation 11, 12; Football 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10; Spirit 9.
Kori Smith Sunshine 11, 12; Drama 11; SADD 11; Jr. Miss 12; Mirage 12; Wrestling Manager 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Environmental Action 12; Prom Court 11
Lauren Smith Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; Spirit 9; Varsity 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11; Junior Class Treasurer, Senior Class Secretary; Baseball Manager 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12.



Michael Smith
Michelle Smith Color Guard 10, 11, 12; Winter Guard 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 9, 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Science Club 12; Pioneer 11.
Michelle Smith
Shanna Snyder Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Sotball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit 10, 12; Varsity 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 10, 11, 12.

Tessa Sorio Spirit 9, Sunshine 9, 10, Volleyball 9, Softball 9, Powder Pull 12.
 Stephanie Soto Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9; Pathfinders 12; Spirit 9, 10, 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11; Powder Pull 12, Homecoming Queen.
 Dean Sparks
 Nick Spriggs-Hall Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, Computer Club 10, 12; Foreign Language 9, 10.

James Stamper Art Club 10, 11, 12; Mirage 10, 11; Computer 11; Pathfinders 10, 11; Newspaper 11.
 Andy Steele SADD 11; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Football 10.
 Jason Stephens Special Olympics.
 Shaun Stewart

Candace Stotts Sunshine 10, 11, 12; Powder Pull 11, 12; Mirage 12.

Andrea Summers
 Angela Terborg Sunshine 9, 11, 12; FCAD 10, 11; Spirit 9; Varsity 11, 12; Jr. Miss 12; Basketball 9; Powder Pull 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Ann Tuohy Sunshine 9, 10; Spirit 10; Cheerleader 10; Powder Pull 11, 12.

Jill Vanderwoude Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; Soccer Club 11; Soccer 11, 12-Captain.
 Amy VanSehpen Sunshine 10, 11; Spirit 10; Mirage 9; Powder Pull 12; Band 9, 10, 11; Foreign Language Club 10.
 Kim VanTholen Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine 9, 10, 11; FCA 10; Powder Pull 11, 12.
 Tim Ventrello Track 9, 10, 12, Swimming 10, 12; Golf 11; Art Club 9; Computer Club 12.



Chad E. Middelkamp



Date of Birth
 June 27, 1978
 Date of Death
 August 2, 1996
 Cause of death car accident.

"Until we meet again,
 dear friend, all our love to you
 we send."

Not Pictured...

Scott Blanchard
 Chris McKeethan
 Jennifer Demopoulos
 Vanessa Gillen
 Jan Hobza
 Daphne Hopkins

Mike Medina
 Donna Minix
 Bill Prater
 Eric Sell
 Tom Simpson



Dave Walstra Spirit 9, 11, 12; FCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Pathfinders 9, 12; Varsity 12-Vice-President; Soccer 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11.
Kathryn Wantola Environmental Action 9; Sunshine 11, Powder Puff 11, 12.
Bradley White



Sherry Whitford Sunshine 10, 11, 12, Drama 10, 11-Treasurer, 12, Winter Guard 9; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Jr. Miss 10-Tech, 11-Tech, 12; Student Council 9, Computer Club 12; Powder Puff 11; Band 9, 10, 11.
Josh Whitson
Valerie Williams Sunshine 9, 10, 11, 12, Spirit 10, 11; Pathfinders 10, 11, 12; Foreign Language Club 11, 12, Boy's Swimming Manager 12; Powder Puff 11, 12, Band 9, 10, 11, 12.



James Wood Jr.
Dustin Wright Basketball 9, 10, 11, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12.
Kevin Zukley Wrestling 9, 10, 11, Computer Club 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 12.



Seniors express **TOP QUALITY**

When June first hit, it was a change of life for Seniors as they received their diplomas. They would no longer have to walk the halls of Kankakee Valley High School, take one more dreaded final, or have one more confrontation with the principals. On Saturday May 17, Seniors attended their final Prom. For some, KV would be missed. It would mean going off to college or finding the job of their dreams in California and leaving their family and friends behind.

The class of 1997's flower was Red Rose, the class colors were Red, White, and Black, and the Motto was "Do not follow where the path leads. Rather, go where there is no path and leave a trail."

"This years officers have been very helpful, and I have enjoyed working with them this year," said Mrs. Price.

Senior Class Officers Rachel Kapor-President, Kelli Orsburn-Treasurer, Lauren Smith-Secretary, Jennifer Kalut-Vice President.



Chad
Anderson



Karine
Sutton



Jamie
Green



Kati Abbring
Scott Altman
Chad Anderson
Jill Anderson
Anna Arambula
Jennifer Baggerly
Cameron Bales



Robert Barnes
Mike Barnett
Thomas Barr
Jillian Barrera
David Bausman
John Bell
Robert Besner



Amanda Beverly
Amy Bickett
Jeff Boer
Janet Boon
Mike Bozell
Jennifer Brasel
Michael Bratz



Heidi Bricker
Becky Burkhardt
Elena Burnaska
Denell Bykerk
Krissy Cambe
Angela Carr
Teresa Carr



Justin Carter
Earl Chafin
Rachel Chapman
Rebecca Chase
Mattie Cobb
Stephanie Cochran
Tim Coffey



Sarah Collins
Mike Cooley
Erik Cornet
Junelle Cox
Laura Cripps
Bill Crownover
Lance Culp



Tricia Cusack
Jennifer Cutlip
Darren Dase
Matthew Day
Michael Decola
Samantha Delvecchio
Escalen Devries



Kendra Devries
Christopher Dixon
Colleen Donohoe
Travis Earl
Sarah Eierman
Holly Estill
Jenny Forbes



Student Comes Over Seas



Foreign exchange student from Germany, Tobi Junge was visiting the United States for the first time. A.I.E. was the program that placed Tobi here with a host family, Mr. and Mrs. Oudman. Tobi went to visit New York state and Washington D.C. in late October, early November. "It was one of my best weeks here," Tobi said.

Tobi has studied six years of the English language, which is a required course for all students in Germany. School hours in Germany usually only last from 8:00 in the morning to 1:15 in the afternoon. Lunch is not served at school, it is eaten at home.

Leaving in June of '97, Tobi said, "Returning to the U.S. for college has crossed my mind, but returning for a visit, is a for sure."

Tobi Junge is taking a break in his 7th hour computer class.



Julie Forbes
Tiffany Foresta
Noah Forsythe
Rebecca Fox
Tonya Fulkerson
Tim Funston
Jill Garvey

Leslie Gentry
Kevin Getz
Jennifer Ginzer
Natalie Gordon
Marcel Granitz
Tracy Gray
Erica Greenwood

Aaron Griffey
Jamie Groen
Lisa Groet
Amanda Hall
George Hamstra
Kyle Hamstra
David Hancock

Shannon Hancock
Lauren Hanewich
Kyle Hanley
Jonathan Hart
Rebecca Hartzler
Jenn Hayes
Jeff Hayles

Heather Heide
Kelly Hepworth
Helen Hicks
Susan Hinde
Jonathan Holman
Jessica Holobowski
Debra Howard





Jamie
Lonsberry



Tiffany
Yenchus



Jen
Trock

Sarah Huckabay
Bryan Jablonski
Dane Jalovec
Jasmine Jones
Tobi Junge
Ondrea Kamminga
Kenneth Kapella



Scot Kearney
Brianna Keiser
Dustin Kelley
Wally Kerns
Angie Keitchum
Jennifer Kikkert
Elizabeth Kling



Thomas King
Kiki Kinklewski
Joe Knudsen
Don Korem
Erik Kozak
Kylene Kramer
Sara Kreischer



Sam Kuykendall
Shane Lacey
Mark Laagestee
Nicholas Leskiw
Ryan Lewandowski
Richard Lewis
Robert Lewis



Christopher Lineberry
William Lock
Jamie Lonsberry
Larry Lonsberry
Becky Lovett
Chris Lowe
Veronica Madden



Ryan Magdos
Salvador Martinez
Leia Martin
Mark McIntosh
Danielle Mc Munn
Amber Midkiff
Joshua Miranda



Aimee Misch
Jeffery Misch
Stacy Mitchell
Jennifer Moyer
Bradley Murray
Jennifer Musch
Andrew Nannenga



Danny Nannenga
Joshua Nelson
Laura Norris
Tonya Nuss
Nichole Obayan
Sarah Opolski
Stephanie Owens





Tracy
Gray



Wally
Kerns



Elena
Burnaska



Jason Pavloff
Martina Plopper
Robert Prosser
Ryan Quinn
Craig Riffe
Trisha Risner
David Rivera

Christina Rogers
Douglas Ruehl
Nicole Ryan
Leah Scharp
Steve Schoon
Dustin Schoonveld
Jennifer Schuldt

Amy Schultz
Bridget Scott
Chris Scott
Richard Sears
Justin Shafer
Gregory Sharp
Adam Shelton

Jerilyn Sherman
Jennifer Sietsma
Rick Simons
Daniel Sipkema
Jacob Slatton
Jennifer Smith
Lee Sohn

Where is your favorite hangout ?

This is what the class of '98
had to suggest...



"I like to go to the mall on the weekends and buy stuff,
look at the girls, and hangout with friends! - Jeff Hayles

"My favorite hangout is D.C. Country Junction on Saturday nights.
I like to line dance and see my friends. - Jennifer Baggerly



"I like to go to Crown Point. To the strip between the square and
Burger King to meet people and just have fun! - Stephanie Solich

"I hangout anywhere as long as I'm with my friends. I like to go to the hill and
to the movies because I enjoy the company of my friends! - Jen Musch





Becky
Fox



Scott
Sytsma



Bridget
Scott

Stephanie Solich
Jill Spurgeon
David Stahl
Lori Stalbaum
Kenneth Stevens
Kimberly Strehler
Elizabeth Strong



Tricia Stubbiefield
Alesha Studer
Andrew Studer
Karine Sutton
Tara Sutton
Thomas Swafford
Jeremy Swallow



Joey Swallow
Kristi Swart
Scott Sytsma
Monica Tipton
Jennifer Trock
Raimie Truman-Forehand
Jeffrey Vanblaircom



Junior Class Officers- Martina Plopper treasurer, Kati Abbring secretary, Mrs. Carey sponsor, David Hancock vice-president, Douglas Ruehl president.



Nicole
Obryan



Josh
Nelson



Diane
Watson



Jason Vanderwoude
Jamie Van Wienen
Ken Vaught
Stephaine Vickery
Travis Walden
Brent Wall
Nathanael Wall



Keith Wallace
Kenneth Walleske
Michael Wantola
Diane Watson
Justin Whitaker
Jen Wians
Missy Will



Jason Wireman
Rachael Woods
Tiffany Yenchus
Alana Zaremba
Stacie Zellenga
Nicole Zylstra



Junior Pride

The year was an exciting one for Juniors, this would be the year that they were no longer underclassmen. There were new opportunities for them to experience. The first opportunity was for the girls when they played the first Powder Puff game. After Powder Puff, Mid-Winter Fest started. During Mid-Winter Fest, Tim Colfer was chosen as the Junior class Representative.

When Mid-Winter Fest ended Prom was getting into full swing. Prom Committees were created and themes were chosen. To help keep the cost of Prom down, the class sold chicken dinner tickets. Also Junior class members paid a \$5.00 dues to go toward Prom. Junior class sponsors were Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Steiner

NOT PICTURED

David Culver
Brian Cunningham
Tammy Engelhart
Ernesto Gonzalez
John Jungels
Michelle Miller

Thomas Obrien
Erik Ramage
Kristen Sims
Jason Sontag
Knnssondra Wireman



Working on the club section Junior
Jessica Holobowski looks for some ideas*.



Sherry Jakich

Josh
FernandezSummer
Johnson

Shavonne Abbring
Rich Annemman
Derek Anderson
Leslie Anderson
Luz Arambula
Erik Armstrong
Janice Armstrong
Brandon Annet



Eric Atkinson
Danae Bailey
Jennifer Baird
Tina Bakker
Bryan Bakrevski
Eric Banks
Thomas Barcus
Tony Barlog



Sarah Bautista
Cameron Baumgart
Nick Baumgart
Jessica Bell
Robert Belstra
Nick Boersma
Melissa Boose
Laura Kay Boss



Adam Bristol
Gavin Bristol
Amy Bronski
Luke Bruzan
Keith Buckland
Justin Carden
Hannah Camell
Tracy Carr



Kevin Carter
Sara Castillo
Melissa Cates
Sarah Chalik
Bill Cheek
Kevin Chevrete
Eric Chizmar
Shirley Clark



Steve Cochran
Vicky Coffey
Jason Cohoon
Amanda Coleman
Stormy Conley
Angela Conover
Michael Cook
John Craighead



Sam Crawford
Ben Croteau
Danny Culig
Chrissy David
Justin Davis
Jay Deardorff
Michael DeBoard
Casey DeMoss



Eric DeVries
Shannon DeVries
Mandy Dinga
Scott Doerge
Laura Dowhen
Shawnee Erway
Jamie Evans
Thomas Fentress





Stacy
Becker



Candice Wilson
Patti Yaeger



Melissa Miranda



Angela Ferguson
Joshua Fernandez
Rick Fleming
Matthew Forsythe
Nicole Fox
Tom Fox
Jerry Fraley
Mina Fritze



Jacob Gallagher
Jennifer Gardner
Jimmy Garrison
Megan Ginzer
Jackie Glad
Fernando Gonzalez
Randall Gooden
Melissa Gott



George Granter
Jennifer Granter
Wes Graper
Lindsey Guanajuato
Bill Gusinger
Peter Hain
Adam Habnuss
Jennifer Hagen



Christopher Hakbun
James Hamstra
Jan Hamstra
Jill Hamstra
Michael Harris
Jim Harvey
David Hass
Adam Hebl



Signing for a yearbook, sophomore Lyndsay Lauritis, joins classmates Aaron Ketchum, Mark Lynn, Lindsey Guanajuato, and Nicole Fox.

Sweet Dreams

If you could have any car in the whole world, what one would you choose?

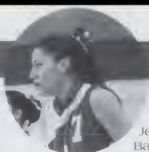
"A brand new white mustang convertible with red interior." -Vicky Coffey

"The Bat mobile." -Cathy Veden

"A black limo w/chauffeur, CD player, air conditioning, hot tub, T.V., refrigerator, V.C.R., Nintendo, and leather interior." -Wes Graper

"I've always wanted a little purple bug convertible. They're so cute!" -Jill Peterson

"A lime green beetle." -Eric Banks



Jen
Baird



Aaron
Sheibourne



Angela
Thomas

Angela Heid
Jason Herendeen
John Hesterman
Michael Hoffman
Robin Howard
Tara Howard
Wally Howes
Heidi Huckabay



Heather Hudgins
Amanda Ivasecko
Todd Jacobsen
Shelly Jakich
Sherry Jakich
Amy Jameson
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Brad Jonkman
Jakob Jungels
Brian Kalt
Dan Kammngaa
Kristi Kammngaa
Brent Kaper
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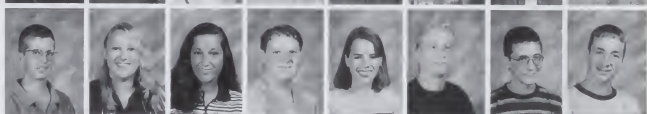
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John Lemer
Richard Love
Christopher Lukasik
Mark Lynn
Jake Mgiers
Crystal Mance
David Marsee



Brendon McDaniel
Amber McIntosh
Melissa Miranda
Steven Molden
Amanda Mullins
Ryan Murchek
Clayton Myers
James Myers



Kevan Myers
Michelle Myers
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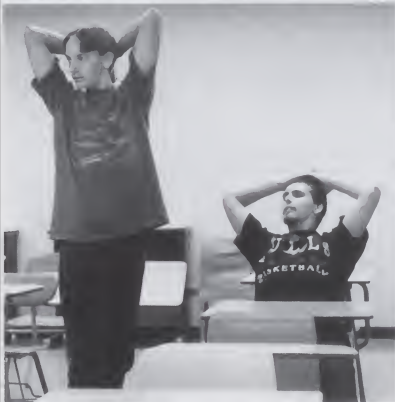


Dawn Patrick
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Christopher Paul
Ryan Pendergrass
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Till Peterson
Leila Pollard
Christina Polomchak

Aaron Porter
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Brent Przybylski
Susannah Rawlins
Stacy Recker
Kimberly Rice
Kelly Rinehart
Judy Rios

Tracy Robbins
Kay Rohder
Jason Sark
Denny Schanlaub
Rebecca Schreiner
Nathaniel Schultz
Rachel Schultz
Aimee Sell

Aaron Shelbourne
James Shin
Colina Shirkey
Jessa Short
Michael Shutz
Cheryl Simons
Jaymee Simpson
Amanda Spikema



Taking a moment, Mike De Board and Kevin Carter await the next writing binder assignment

M&M's Moments

When sophomores were asked what their most memorable moment of the year was, here is some of their responses.

"When I pinned a kid from North Judson in under a minute."

-Aaron Ketchum

"When Mr. Maple dressed a dissection frog up like Santa."

-Mike Harris

"When I took my neighbor home, Laura Boss, and backed up into her ditch and couldn't get out."

-Mina Fritze

"Going to Semi-State in Volleyball after winning Sectionals and Regionals."

-Stacy Recker

"When I was driving, a car came head on & I swerved to miss it and when I looked back, the car was gone & now my family teases me by saying it was a UFO."

-Alicia Wright

"Our soccer team getting in a fight and us getting kicked out of the league."

-Kevin Carter

"My most memorable moment this year was when Shelley Myers almost hit two cows standing in the road."

-Rachel Sorba



Rachel
Sorba



Wes
Graper



Susannah
Rawlins

Carl Skinner
Amber Smith
Craig Smith
Tanya Sore
Rachel Sorba
Anthony Soto
Brandy Spaulding
Kenny Speed



Melinda Spenner
Jennifer Spurgeon
Charles Stallbaum
Kelly Stampler
Ryan Stan
Amy Stephens
Mary Beth Sterk
Adam Stevens



Amanda Stevens
Nicole Stotts
Brett Subbletfield
Robert Subbletfield
Jesse Talley
Jonathan Taulbee
Angela Thomas
Kasidy Thomas



William Thomas
Christine Thomason
Rachel Toppen
J.R. Tuinstra
Ann Vandermolen
Amber Vankley
April Vankley
Catherine Veden



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Valene Verburg
Mandi Vickers
Jeremy Vickery
James Walker
Brian Warran
Brian Wiers



Amanda Wilkins
Crystal Williams
Candice Wilson
Justin Wilson
Noelle Willfang
Greg Wireman
Kimberly Woods
Stafanie Woudema



Alicia Wright
Patricia Yaeger
Michelle Yokovich
Shannon Zeese
Kelly Zorka



NOT PICTURED
Jennifer Colbert Eric Russell
Leo Englehart Regina Sears
Melissa Hansen Anthony Silva
Brandon Myers Nichole Spangelo



Jennifer
Granter



Jill
Hamstra



Tanya
Snare

Making History

Leading 262 sophomores through their second year of high school was the job of sponsor, Mr. Hamilton and the class officers. "We feel that our class has grown a lot in a year. Our class members have shown what they can do. We have participated in Spirit weeks and won a lip sync at a pep session. We have also raised funds so we could make our prom for next year great. We are really proud of our class," remarked Mr. Hamilton. Officers named in the spring included: Angie Ferguson-President, Eric Banks- Vice president, Shelly Myers-Secretary and Jessica Bell-Treasurer.

Leading the class academically were Sara Battista, Summer Johnson, and Melissa Miranda. "It took a lot of studying and hard work, but the important thing to remember is the school is much more than grades. It's time with friends and having fun, too!" exclaimed Summer Johnson. Homecoming representative was Mina Fritze and Winterfest representative was Brian Kalut.

Sam Crawford was the Hugh O'Brien winner, Mike Hoffman and Melissa Miranda were the Rotary Youth leadership winners with Clayton Meyers as a runner up. Summer Johnson and Melissa Miranda represented the sophomore class in the Regional Rotary speech contest at Plymouth H.S. on April 19.

Catching Craig Riffe on film is a rough job. Helping the photographer was Shawnee Erway.



Supporting the team, Shelly Myers and Kimmy Woods attend a home football game.

Class President- Mr. Hamilton; Secretary-Shelley Myers; Vice-president-Eric Banks; President-Angie Ferguson; Treasurer-Jessica Bell.



Adam
Hamstra



Angie
Williams



Val
Bahrnerth

Sarah Acunius
Troy Adamczyk
Amanda Alberts
Aaron Albin
Chance Alexander
Tiffany Anderson
Timothy Anderson
Melissa Arambula



Jeremy Armstrong
Natasha Armstrong
Amanda Archley
Valerie Bahrnerth
Brandon Baker
Sarah Bapple
Dennis Barnett
Bridget Barrera



Adam Bauman
Terry Beedle
Ken Bell
Zachary Belstra
Michelle Bennett
Bryan Beougher
Brian Berg
Jennifer Berry



Valerie Berry
Karin Bobby
Wesley Boege
Erin Boef
Esther Boemer
Karen Bonema
Charles Buckmaster
Nathan Bult



Justin Burkhardt
Kelly Burroughs
Brandon Caldano
Leah Carnell
Jennifer Carter
Ron Carter
Aaron Cassell
Tim Cavanaugh



Amy Cencion
Dennis Challoner
Frank Challoner
Thomas Cheney
April Chester
Korey Coffey
Travis Combs
Bobbie Cooper



Joe Cooper
Sean Corbett
Tara Corbett
Lynette Cornet
Jeremy Croll
Brian Culbreth
Nikole Cutlip
Brandon Cutlip



Mandi Czapl
Julie Davidson
Duncan Davis
Heidi Deboer
Justin Demeter
Tasha Demoss
Amber Devries
Andy Devries





Rebecca
Lambert



Sara
Kennedy



Steven
Trusty



Jennifer DeYoung
Celina Diola
Anthony Dixon
Amanda Donis
John Donowitz
Adam Douggleby
Shannon Earle
Matt Eenigburg



Paul Eenigburg
Jonathan Ellich
Jilyan English
David Fase
Michael Ferguson
Thomas Ferguson
Sarah Fernandez
Simon Flory



Shayla Foley
Karen Ford
Gale Franklin
Wendy Fry
Joseph Garrity
Kelli Gilbert
Luke Gilbert
Marla Gluth



Amanda Grady
Joel Graczyk
Ronnie Gray
Marissa Green
Jeremy Greshaw
Monique Grevenstuk
Abby Guisinger
Kathy Gunter



Never Too Old For Toys

What is your favorite toy or cartoon?

Jennifer Williams, "Garfield."

Melissa Arambula "Marvion The Martion."

Jennifer Berry, "Tweety Bird."

Bridget Barrera, "The Power Rangers."

Rebecca Lambert, "My Barbie Keychain."

Troy Nuss, "Wolverine."

Jimmy Johnson, "Bugs Bunny."

Kory Coffey, "My Trumpet."

Marla Gluth, "Tweety."

Sara Shanks, "My Little Car Herby."

Adam Shafer tries out a new toy in a Chicago FAO Schwartz toy store.



Natasha
Wall



Chris
Lazackler



April
Chester

Adam Hamstra
Carly Hamstra
Jamie Hamstra
Rachel Hamstra
Brian Hanewich
Lynn Hanley
Shaun Hardesty
Nicole Harper



Casey Hayes
Amy Hendricks
Frances Hilton
Thomas Hobson
Justin Holland
Scott Jelenek
Zachary Jesko
Michael Jimenez



Sabrina Jimenez
Jimmy Johnson
Keith Jolink
Jeffery Jones
Tiffany Jones
Brent Jonkman
Danielle Karfowski
Nicole Kearney



Sarah Kennedy
Robert Kerkes
Casey King
Jessica Kolb
Jennifer Kopf
Sandra Koselke
Ryan Koslovsky
Lori Koutouzis



Strategies ; Struggles

What is your hardest class?

Rebecca Lambert, "Biology."

Melissa Arambula, "World History."

Jimmy Johnson, "Algebra."

Jennifer Williams, "Drawing 2."

Kory Coffey, "World History."

Jennifer Berry, "Biology."

Troy Nuss, "Literature."

Tiffany Lauraitis, "Biology."

Bridget Barrera, "Biology."

Dustin Demeter in German class doing the macarena.





Bill
Wisdom



Tiffany
Lauraitis



Heidi
Niketh



Arian Kramer
Kristen Kruchowski
Stephanie Krulik
Angela Kuhns
Rebecca Lambert
Dan Laszlo
Tiffany Lauraitis
Raymond Lawley



Jessica Lenz
Keith Lessner
Craig Lewandowski
Brian Lilley
Michael Lock
Justin Lowry
Christopher Luzackier
Donald Mahler



Todd Mak
Michael Marion
Aaron Martin
Michelle Martinez
Nicholas Martinez
D.J. Mathews
Denise Matlock
Kelly McKernan



Michelle McKernan
Robert McMillan
Barb Merry
Joshua Miller
Mike Miller
Anne Milutinovic
Deric Mount
Danielle Murray



Lindsay Musch
Gregory Myers
Kaylynn Myers
Steven Myers
Chad Nally
Derek Nannenga
Michele Navoy
Elizabeth Neely



Steven Nelson
Heidi Niketh
Troy Nuss
Sean Oatis
Dennis O'Brien
Jeremy O'Brien
Justin O'Brien
Joshua Oliver



Tracy Opolski
Michael Pakos
Lindsey Pendergrass
Anne Peo
Travis Phelps
Kathryn Pollock
Jake Prater
Nicholas Prater



Gregory Pressel
Jessica Ramage
Jeremy Rayner
Ashley Reverts
Summer Reyes
Mandi Richards
Caitlin Ritchie
Tia Roberts



Mandi
Czapia



Joe
Yaeger



Sarah
Fernandez

Scott Roelfs
Bridget Roorda
Ryan Rose
Jamie Roy
Jeremiah Rushmore
Rachell Saltarski
Gregory Schiavone
Heather Schiavone



Jake Schoon
Paul Scott
Rachel Sears
Adam Shafer
Sara Shanks
Thomas Sharrits
Nova Shepperd
Jennie Sherman



Christina Shivan
Ray Simpson
Chadd Smith
Tiffany Smith
Mick Snyder
Nicole Sons
Erin Spangelo
Mathew Speegle



Christine Spizziri
Matthew Spurgeon
Lindy Stalbaum
Gina Stevens
Dennis Strain
Sara Strong
Robert Stump
Jennifer Szabo



David Takacs
Billy Taylor
Jeff Terhorg
Jeri Tilleria
Tessa Tilley



Mandi Tognarelli
Melissa Torbit
Tabitha Townsend



Melissa Trevisol
Steven Trusty
Ronnie Uylaki
James Vanblaircom
Mark Vanhouten
Christine Vann
Chad Vanriessen
Nicole Vanvuren



Elizabeth Vargas
David Veldman
Jason Walker
Narasha Wall
Mary Walstra
Randy Walstra
Erika Wampler
Keith Weyhe



Jessica Whitaker
Geoffrey Wilkes
Angela Williams
Jennifer Williams
Tommy Williams
Travis Williams
Andrea Wilson
Jeremy Wireman



Tracy Opolski
and Lindy Stalbaum



Dan Laszlo
and Anthony Dixon



Danielle
Murray



Julie Wireman
Bill Wisdom
Brent Womac
Joseph Yaeger
John Yanev
Kelly Zeck
Kelli Zeilinger

NOT PICTURED:

Bob Barton, Kenneth Ellis, Lindsay Glines, Kurt Ellis,
Amy Hielema, Tricia Hollifield, Ryan Niemiller, Keith
Walbaum, Mellisa Woolard

Freshmen 279 strong

Leading 279 Freshmen through their first year of high school was the job of sponsor Mrs. Tucker and the class officers. "As a Freshman we do not have many affairs, but the officers are great to help out when we have anything coming up. I feel the Freshman and Sophomore sponsors should be paid for an extra activity like a club instead of paying so much to the Junior and Senior sponsors or the same sponsor should be in charge of all four years if possible," said Mrs. Tucker. Officers named in the spring included: Jen DeYoung-President, Bridget Barrera-Vice President, Stephanie Krulik-Secretary, Gail Franklin-Treasurer. Leading the class academically were: Mandi Richards, Brian Berg, Matthew Spurgeon. "It took hard work," said Mandi Richards. Freshman Princess court representative was Nicole VanVuren. Her escort was Scott Roelis. Winter fest representative of the year was Chad Nally. Class dues were \$1.

Class officers top left to right were Stephanie Krulik-Secretary, Mrs. Tucker-sponsor, and Gail Franklin-Treasurer. On the bottom left to right were Jen DeYoung-President and Bridget Barrera-Vice President.



Singing with French class, Marissa Green, Jessica Ramage and Jessica Whiakier enjoy a holiday moment.



New Personnel Make the Grade

Six new members of KV's staff included Mr. Disney, assistant principal, Mrs. Dusek, athletic secretary, Miss Boos, English teacher, Mrs. Klockow, art teacher, Mr. Martikean, chemistry teacher, Mr. Price, physics teacher, and Mr. McKay, construction tech.

Ball State graduate Mr. Disney came from Hammond Gavit where he taught U.S. History for five years. His Master's Degree in administration is from Indiana State. Mr. Disney was in charge of disciplining freshmen and sophomores, evaluating teachers, and supervising the school climate. When asked if he liked his job, Mr. Disney responded "I love it!". Although he does miss teaching, he wanted to have a bigger impact on kids' lives.

Mrs. Dusek, secretary, spent her day sending the necessary memos to the superintendent, school board, and various coaches as well as producing the athletic program. She scheduled sporting events and made sure the opposing team and the officials had contracts. Qualifications included attending Sawyer College in Merrillville, where she earned a secretarial degree. She decided to work here so she could be closer to home, and work with her community's teens.

Miss Boos has known that she wanted to be a teacher since second grade. She went to Saint Joseph College and completed her student teaching at KV. She decided to come teach here after graduation. She said she loves kids and hopes she can have a positive influence on them.

Mrs. Klockow graduated from Purdue and moved on to teach art to first through twelfth grade students in the Donovan Community School Corporation in Illinois. She spent two years at Donovan before she moved on to North Newton and substituted for a year. She substituted for Mrs.



NEW PERSONNEL

Front Row: Mrs. Dusek, Mrs. Klockow, Ms. Boos.
Back Row: Mr. Disney, Mr. Price, Mr. McKay, Mr.
Martikean

Slaby and really liked KV. She came to work here full time and she grew to love the students.

Mr. Martikean wanted to be a chemist, but there were not any job openings so he decided to do the next best thing—become a chemistry teacher. Mr. Martikean attended Indiana University and student taught at Merrillville. He came to KV because it was close to home and he could help his own community.

Mr. Price decided to become a teacher during his freshman year in college at Rose Hulman. He never wanted to teach anything but physics. He had chosen KV because he lived in the area and was graduated from here. He thought KV rated pretty well.

Mr. McKay did not realize that he wanted to be a construction technology teacher until he was halfway through school at Purdue University. "Working with youth was a 'big thing' and so was football," said McKay. In order to be a head coach some day, he had to also teach. After seeing the area and the new technology equipment, and meeting the friendly staff, he picked KV where he worked with Coach McDowell and the Fighting Kougars.

Lewis, Dr. Brett
Superintendent
Willems, William
Dir. of Transportation/Maintenance
Apple, Phillip
Principal
Disney, Steven
Assistant Principal
Ford, Dr. Jack
Assistant Principal



McEwan, Rich
Athletic Director
Adams, Tim
Language Arts
Biddle, James
Science
Boos, Bridgid
Language Arts
Brown, Betty
Language Arts



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Garey, Heather
French
Damell, Bill
Choir Director
Eckert, Kathy
Language Arts
Epley, Paul
Special Education
Ginzer, Lynn
Business

Gray, John
Math
Greenlee, Doug
HealthPE
Hale, Jerry
Business
Hamilton, Mark
Science
Hanley, Sue
HealthPE

Heid, Bob
Computer Coord.
Hinc, Ron
Industrial Tech
Hoover, Jerry
Government
Hostetler, Harold
Math
Hughes, Jerry
Counselor

Inman, Steve
Agriculture
Jackson, Barb
Special Education
Jeffries, Bobbi
Business
Klockow, Nancy
Art
Krejsa, Ann
Education Plus

Ladd, Mark
Computer
Lewis, Bob
Social Studies
Lunde, Mary
Counselor
Maple, Steve
Science
Marikyan, Carl
Chemistry

Martin, Gary
HealthPE
Masten, Kay
German
McAtee, Ron
Media Specialist
McCarthy, Tim
Band Director
McDowell, Shawn
Industrial Tech



Central Office Staff Earns an A

After 12 years at the high school, Kim Mount moved to the superintendent's office, where she has spent the last two years performing secretarial duties, such as answering the phone and typing letters. She also functions as the assistant treasurer and helps with the payroll. Carol Werner has worked for 23 years as treasurer, handling the finances of the school corporation. She paid the bills and made the payments on the school building. Food Service Director, Linda Howard, completed bookwork and made bank deposits. She planned daily lunches, making sure they contained all necessary nutrients. She studied and attended various workshops to keep up on dietary requirements.



Linda Howard, Kim Mount, and Carol Werner

McKay, Mike
Industrial Tech
McKinney, Kathy
Journalism/Lang. Arts
Melton, Mauren
Special Education
Mengel, Jeff
Industrial Technology
Michael, John
Counselor



Miller, Sarah
Fine Arts
Moolenaar, Connie
Language Arts
Morehouse, Joe
Health/PE
Mulvihill, Kevin
Industrial Technology
Mung, Jianyun
Orchestra Director



Nagel, Allen
Math
Norwine, Paul
Social Studies
Oliver, Greg
Special Education
Orsburn, Bill
Math
Osburn, Dale
Language Arts



Post, George
Economics
Price, John
Physics
Price, Pat
Social Studies
Price, Tania
Pool Director
Prochno, Sara
Science



Roberts, Judy
Math
Schroeder, Jennifer
Home Economics
Sherwood, Marti
Math
Slaby, Kristi
Science
Steiner, Jill
Theatre/Speech



S

Tucker, Peggy
Business
Wellmaker, Paula
Home Economics
Wiseman, Sally
Spanish
Zacher, Diana
Business
Devries, Gayle
Special Ed. Aide

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Dunn, Myrna
Special Ed. Aide
Dusek, Linda
Athletic Organizer
Floyd, Joan
Special Ed. Aide
Hoffman, Irene
Studyhall Aide
Jabray, Dawn
In-School Aide

A

Kozak, Jill
Attendance Secretary
Meeks, Shirley
Studyhall Aide
Misch, Kathy
Principal's Secretary
Ryska, Rita
Treasurer
Sanders, Rozanne
Library Aide

F

Scheidt, Andrea
Nurse's Aide
Spurgeon, Mary
Guidance Secretary
Tiemens, Sandy
Piano Assistant
Tillera, Annette
Special Needs Aide
Turpin, Debbie
Vocational Ed. Aide

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Valenkamph, Nancy
Special Needs Aide

Board Members Strive To Help KV

Seven school board members were headed by President Lloyd Nordstorm who has been a member for 14 years. Returning to the board, John Heerema brought 12 years of experience with him. Both Vice-President William DeVries and Secretary Robert Misch have been members for three years. John Jungels, Tim Hickman, and John Spurgeon completed their first year. Tim Hickman assisted the secretary. Robert Misch said the board's goal was to help continue education. Its duties included approving corporation policies and trying to improve the school system.



IN STORE SPECIALS

With many clubs to choose from, students had an opportunity to express their individuality.

Sponsored by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Carey, Sunshine required service projects in order to attend the Sunshine dance that was held in December. Some projects included baking a cake for a teacher's birthday, bringing in a Christmas stocking, or helping to raise a person's spirit through visits.

Drama Club rehearsed for the spring musical *Guys & Dolls* while the speech team practiced for their District competition which was held on April 12.

Mirage took a trip to Great America with the Freshman class on April 26. They also produced the magazine which came out in May.

Journalism went to Western National competition on April 16-20 in Phoenix, Arizona where many new ideas were learned and brought back to be utilized in the yearbook and newspaper. Earlier in the year, they attended State competition at Franklin College and National competition in Chicago.

Student Council members attended a workshop at Ball State University on March 12.

SADD/PUSSI sponsored a warning about drinking and driving before Prom for the student body.

Through all of these, students were able to learn and have fun in these **IN STORE SPECIALS**.



Looking over an article about Hickory Hills Landfill, Environmental club members April Vankley and Sue Ellyn Jones add their opinion about the situation.

Left: Before the Environmental club meeting begins, Mrs. Prochno tells Sarah Battista the topics for discussion.






Left: Preparing fruit baskets to help needy families in the community was just one of FFA's projects. Amanda Beverly, President Danielle McMunn, and Kristen Sims carefully prepare these baskets for distribution.

Starting off the Foreign Language clubs meeting, Mrs. Carey states the agenda as Mary Ahrendt helps to keep order.



As a fundraiser, FFA members sold fruit which was delivered to the school by a Semi. FFA member Steve Koselke unloads the last box of fruit just before the truck driver prepares to return home.

In Store Specials

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| 136 | Academic Teams | 160 | National Honor Society |
| 138 | Art club | 162 | Newspaper |
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| 142 | Computer/Media | | Pioneerz/Peer |
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| 146 | Drama-Winter | 166 | SADD/PUSH |
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Persistence

Leads to excellence

Academic Teams

Dedication, that is what the NWHC and Area competitions. Decathlon Team used to prepare for The team traveled to Southport their competitions. Members started gathering information early last summer and practices started in September. After school, members met in either Mr. Price's, Mr. Ladd's, and Academic Superbowl. Mr. or Mrs. Price's classroom to teach or Ladd also helped sponsor Deshare information with others. With cathlon. Additional aid was

all this hard work, why join? According to John Bell, "because it was something new and different... Plus, it gave me the incentive to study."

Divided into three divisions: Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity, the team consisted of nine members. Jason Bakker, Sarah Battista, and Sam Crawford competed in the Honors division; Cindy Odle,

"The team really pulled through at the Area competition."

-Cindy Odle

Angie Heid, and SueEllyn Jones in the Scholastic division; and Joe Knudsen, John Bell, and Dana Clark in the Varsity division. Seniors were Cindy Odle, Jason Bakker, and Dana Clark. Jason Bakker was glad for the experience of doing something different than Choir and Drama. Categories tested in were English, Social Studies, Economics, Science, Fine Arts, Essay, Interview, Speech, and Super quiz. KV hosted both

Mrs. Price and Mr. Price helped sponsor both Decathlon and Academic Superbowl. Mr. Ladd also helped sponsor Decathlon. Additional aid was given by Mrs. Klockow on both teams.

Academic Superbowl began as soon as Decathlon ended. Categories tested in were: Math, English, Fine Arts, Science, History, and Interdisciplinary. Members signed up for two categories but certain students were assigned to Interdisciplinary. Competitions were on March 20 at River Forest and on April 14 at North Judson. At North Judson, the team won firsts in English and Fine Arts; seconds in Science, History, and Interdisciplinary; and a third in Math. On April 15, Mrs. Price fixed a Chinese dinner for the team as a celebration and thanks for their hard work.

Top right: Checking their scores, Angie Heid, Sam Crawford, Sarah Battista and Tobi Junge are pleased with their results.

State Bound Academic Team members: Sue Ellyn Jones, Angie Heid, Row 2: Cindy Odle, Sarah Battista, Wally Kendall, Joey Knudsen, Row 3: Sam Crawford, Susan Hinde, Elizabeth King, Rosie Kamminga, Tobi Junge, Back Row: Tricia Cusack, John Bell, John Jungels.





Front Row: Angie Heid, Dana Clark, Sam Crawford, SueEllyn Jones.
Back Row: Sarah Battista, Jason Bakker, Joe Knudsen, Cindy Odle, John Bell.



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|-------------|----------------|-------|-----------|---|
| HONORS: | Jason Bakker | NWHC | Speech | 2 |
| | | State | Interview | 3 |
| | Sam Crawford | Area | Overall | 1 |
| | | State | Speech | 4 |
| | Sarah Battista | NWHC | Overall | 1 |
| | | Area | Overall | 2 |
| SCHOLASTIC: | Cindy Odle | Area | Essay | 2 |
| | | Area | Economics | 1 |
| | Angie Heid | NWHC | Overall | 2 |
| | | Area | Overall | 3 |
| | SueEllyn Jones | Area | Interview | 2 |
| | | Area | Science | 4 |
| VARSITY: | Dana Clark | NWHC | Speech | 1 |
| | | State | Economics | 4 |
| | Joe Knudsen | Area | Speech | 1 |
| | | Area | Fine Arts | 1 |
| | John Bell | NWHC | Interview | 4 |
| | | State | Interview | 3 |



Displaying the result of their hard work, Dana Clark, John Bell, and Joe Knudsen show off their Decathlon "Overall Champion" plaque.

Displaying individual ribbons are Angie Heid, Sue Ellyn Jones and Wally Kendall.

Acquaintances

New and Old

B P O A

With sweaty palms, stomachs turning, and the air filled with anticipation the soon to be new members entered room 167. As they were seated president; Tonya Fulkerson, vice president; Leah Scharp, and Mrs. Zacher, BPOA advisor, acquainted everyone.

With three taps of the gavel the members took their seats as Mrs. Zacher called the meeting to order. "The first 1996-97 chapter meeting of the Business Professionals of America, will now come to order." Orders of business were discussed

starting with the induction of new and old members; along with District, State, and National competitions.

Also discussed were the fund-raising activities the club would hold. The club had two fund-raisers to raise money for District and State Competitions: catalog sales which grossed about \$459.36 for the club, along with approximately \$200.00 in candy sales.

The group was ready for another exciting year. And the excitement carried through to the very end at the final meeting which was held on May 15, the clubs Spring Banquet, where old and new acquaintances were made.

"With my first year in office, I wanted to have a great year and that is what, I got a great year. "
Vice Pres. Leah Scharp



Waiting for their dinner, Angie Schuit, Amanda Roorda, Sarah Opolski, and Denell Bykerk hope the spaghetti is as good as the restaurant's reputation.

BPOA's advisor, Mrs. Zacher weeps tears of happiness as members show their thanks and gratitude with a card and guardian pin.





Standing in front of a glass monument in Indianapolis is Missy Will, Angela Shultz, Melissa Trevisol, Tonya Fulkerson, Jen Brasel, Denell Bykerk, Holly Bristol, Kristen Cambe, Sarah Opolski, Tom Hobson, and Amanda Roorda.



Parliamentary Procedures team Sarah Opolski, Melissa Trevisol, Denell Bykerk, Kristen Cambe, Amanda Roorda, Missy Will, and Holly Bristol pose for a quick shot before heading to their big competition.



BPOA Front Row Diana Zacher, Tonya Fulkerson, Jen Brasel, Holly Bristol, Melissa Trevisol, and Tom Hobson Row 2: Angela Thomas, Missy Will, April VanKley, Becky Lovett, and Erica Coleman Back Row: Amy Hendricks, Kristen Cambe, Sarah Opolski, Sarah Collins, Krisi Swart, and Danielle Pierson

Their stomachs growled as Missy Will, Tom Hobson, and Melissa Trevisol wait for the Italian dinners at the spaghetti factory.

Stepping Ahead Business Professionals

B P O A

It started with the sun shining and a gut feeling telling 14 BPA members it was going to be a great day. The members had put in a hard week prior to the judging, they practiced and completed contests awaiting this day.

Tension mounted as the chapter piled into the auditorium along with hundreds of members in their district. This was the big moment. In most competitions one has to place in the top five out of ten to advance to the next level (State, in this case). All 14 members placed in the top ten

but only 11 placed in the top five and advanced on to State Competition in Indianapolis.

"Being a member of BPOA was an exciting experience, one that I never will forget," commented Student Council rep. Jen Brasel

Twelve members and two advisors went to Indianapolis on March 7, 8, and 9. They stayed at the Westin. The group went to the Spaghetti factory Friday night to relax before the big competitions. Saturday after the competition took place, most ran to the Circle Center Mall to do some shopping. Although

none of the members advanced to Nationals, the experience put them a step ahead.



Ordering room service, Vice President Leah Scharp and President Tonya Fulkerson relax after a long competitive day.

Stopping for a rest, Holly Bristol takes a time out to relax with a double dip of ice cream at Charlie's in Indianapolis.





Dressing for a night out Angela Shultz, Missy Will, Melissa Trevisol, Leah Scharp, Tom Hobson, Kristen Cambe, Tonya Fulkerson, Jen Brasel, and Sarah Opolski await their evening out in Indianapolis.



Playing the piano in the Westin Hotel, Jen Brasel entertains her classmates at BPA state finals.



Relaxing after a day of competitions and shopping in Indy's Circle Center Mall, Leah Scharp, Holly Bristol, Tonya Fulkerson, and Jen Brasel enjoy room service at its best-chocolate ice cream.

After getting dance fever, Angela Shultz goes wild on the dance floor.



Computers

Enter minds through other means

Media & Computer

Media Club helped maintain the library and put away the books. Each helper had his/her own section of the books for which he/she was responsible. There were 18 Media Club members. Secretary was Amber Midkiff, Treasurer was Ken Speed, Vice-President was Gavin Bristol, and the President was Cameron Bales.

This club had one way of being productive as Cameron Bales put it, "This club is productive every day by helping out the Librarians with putting books back on the self, and working with computer problems and web pages."

For all of the help that the Media Club did they were rewarded with little things like Thanksgiving and Christmas parties, and going to dinner at Medieval Times on April 11. They also took classes after school to learn how to work the Internet, web, and make the web pages for the teachers. Through Mr.

Heid the Media Club presented the Web page to the School Board of Education.

In another computer vein was the Computer Club. This club had about 60 members. The President was Dustin Schoonveld, the Vice-President was John Bell, and the Treasurer was Jason Sonntag.

On the average most of the members went to Mr. Ladd's room during their study time and/or lunch just to play DOOM. This game was basically going through a maze killing monsters and each other. Dustin Schoonveld said, "The only thing that gets the people is that you get to kill people. Every time you kill someone, you get a frag and that is a point, and the one that has the most points wins. You just have the competition that gets you going."

"This club is productive every day... putting books back on the self, and working with computer problems and web pages."
Cameron Bales.



Helping Brent Wall, Mr. Ladd assists him in a difficult part of the game *Civilization*.



Media Club members Tom Fox, Brent Wall, Gavin Bristol, and Mr. McAtee discuss the details of the trip to Medieval Times.



President of the Media Club, Cameron Bales talks to the members on how good of a job they are doing with keeping up the Library.



Putting away books, Sarah Huckabay helps out Mr. McAttee

Media Club

Front row: Justin Carter, Paula McIntire, Stephanie Solich, Bridget Roorda. Row 2: Mr. McAttee, Kenny Speed, Mike Cook, Brent Wall, Gavin Bristol, Cameron Bales, Jasmine Jones, Jon Ellich, Mrs. Sanders.



Computer Club

Front row: Mr. Ladd, John Bell, Dustin Schoonveld, Gavin Bristol, Erik Comet. Row 2: Anjee Smith, Rebecca Chase, Ambica Scrociniski, Sue Ellyn Jones, Tom Fox, Justin Shaler. Row 3: Brad Murray, Tobi Junge, Nick Leskiw, Rich Boersma, Rob Belstra. Back row: Jason Bakker, Brent Wall, Rich Ammerman, John Lemer.



During a Media Club meeting Kenny Speed laughs at a classmate's comments.

Setting up his computer, Jeff Boer patiently waits to boot up as Kevin Getz plays Tetris.



Pssst ...

Have you heard?

Drama

Starting out small, the Drama Club cast only ten of its 70 members. The fall play appeared to satisfy the actors need for comedy. According to Mr. Ladd, the Drama director, "Rumors was chosen because we knew we definitely wanted a comedy, and we thought the characters in it gave people a chance to develop good characters."

Each play has its own tale to tell and things don't always go as planned. During the play Jason Bakker was supposed to wrestle with a bag of pretzels. When Jason grabbed

"We overcame adversity and pulled together to do it (Rumors) well," said Joey Knudsen.

the bag, "It exploded all over the stage!" said Hallie Apple. She said it was hard to stay in character, and they kept laughing about it.

Each play also has its memorable moments. Jesse Talley's most memorable moment was when he had taken over the part of the policeman a week before the play was to be performed.

All in all, the play went well.

The audience turnout was a little better than average. Mr Ladd was quite pleased with the production. He said, "They worked well together." This was just the beginning of a good season of plays from KV's own actors and actresses.



Aimee Beougher beams as her friends Josh Fernandez, John Bell, and Hallie Apple wait in expectation. The police, Cindy Odle and Jesse Talley are in disbelief.



Jason Bakker consoles Josh Fernandez as the cast absorbs the incredible story.



Jen Musch flirts with Joey Knudsen during the play Rumors.





Aimee Beougher speaks as Joey Knudsen impatiently listens.

Joey Knudsen, John Bell, Jason Bakker, and Josh Fernandez put in a one or a two to decide who will play "Charlie".

Drama, Front row: Rebecca Chase, Jessica Holobowski, John Bell, Joey Knudsen, Dustin Schoorveld, Jason Bakker, Jesse Talley, Cindy Odle, Sara Kreischer. Row 2: Ambica Serocinski, Aimee Beougher, Christie Kaminski, Hallie Apple, Tobin Jung, Mary Ahrendt, Sherry Whitford, Andrea Summers, Dana Clark, Mr. Ladd. Row 3: Angie Kuhns, Becky Fox, Tricia Stubblefield, Dandrew Nannenga, Adam Shelton, Angie Heid, Martina Plopper, Tricia Cusack, Jen Musch. Row 4: Leila Pollard, Sara King, Emily Prange, Shelly Myers, Sundae Kulacki, Kimmy Woods, John Hesterman, Bryan Bakrevski, George Hamstra, Richard Flenjing, Tom Fox, Gavin Bristol, Susannah Rawlins, Sarah Chalk. Back row: Shayla Foley, Jessica Kolb, Erin Boer, Kay Myers, Marla Gluth, Bridget Roorda, Josh Fernandez, Natasha Armstrong, Julie Davidson, Esther Baerner, Amanda Wilkins, Amber McIntosh.



Thespians Front row: Hallie Apple, Cindy Odle, John Bell, Joey Knudsen, Jason Bakker, Mr. Ladd, Dustin Schoorveld, Sara Kreischer, Rebecca Chase, Jesse Talley, Jessica Holobowski. Row 2: Sherry Whitford, Aimee Beougher, Christie Kaminski, Dana Clark, Mary Ahrendt, Adam Shelton, Dandrew Nannenga, Becky Fox, Martina Plopper, Stacie Zeilinga, Jen Musch, Tricia Stubblefield. Back row: Kay Myers, Sara King, Gavin Bristol, Bryan Bakrevski, Josh Fernandez, Angie Heid, Leila Pollard, Kimmy Woods, Shelly Myers.



Hallie Apple and Josh Fernandez exchange looks as Joey Knudsen explains their current predicament.

Acting In a Variety of Ways

W inter Drama Fest

Hectic was the word many Winter Drama Fest students used to describe March 6 and 8. Many students thought Winter Drama Fest was "more organized" than previous years. Kaylynn Myers said, "I'm glad we all have the chance to be in WDF because we have the experience of acting with other directors and cast members." Sundae Kubacki also enjoyed her experience. She said, "I got to meet so many new people."

The one act plays were "Greek Restaurant," directed by Christie Kaminski, "Almost the Bride of Dracula," directed by Sheri Whitford and Angie Heid, "When Death Do Us Part" directed by John Bell, "Anything Goes," a tap and musical number, was choreographed by Hallie Apple, and The Music Revue, a medley of past musical numbers, was choreographed by Jason Bakker and Sara Kreischer.

In addition to WDF's usual

assortment of student-directed one-act plays, dances, and musical numbers. Mr. Ladd introduced a play of a more serious nature, "The Inner Circle," was a play about a boy who acquires HIV after only one drug use.

Kimmy Woods said, "AIDS is out there. We are just proving that it could happen to anyone." The Inner Circle was performed at the University of Indianapolis where they received a spectacular rating and were asked to perform at the International

Thespian Festival in Nebraska, an honor only four schools in Indiana are chosen to do. Jesse Talley said, "Hopefully by doing this show we will open the community's eyes and let the student body know that AIDS does not only affect people who are gay or promiscuous."

"All people can get AIDS and everyone should be aware of it,"

--Amber VanKley on the "Inner Circle"



Keeping a watchful eye on the orphans, Jesse Talley and Ron Carter are pulled back by Laura Norris in Music Revue.



Waiting happily to announce their marriage, Tobie Junge and Amanda Wilkins stand together.



Dancing at The Indiana Thespian Festival, Becky Fox, Sherry Whitford, Tricia Stubblefield, Jesse Talley, and Wally Kendall release some of the emotions created by their "Inner Circle" performance.

Impersonating Franklin D. Roosevelt, Aimee Beougher sneaks up on the cast of The Music Revue



Inner Circle cast and crew members Hallie Apple, Amber Vankley, Angie Heid, Sherry Whitford, Tricia Stubblefield, Jesse Talley, Adam Hoffman, Wally Kendall, Jen Musch and Becky Fox, who participated in the International Thespian Festival.

Above center: Selling coke glasses, Jen Musch and Jesse Talley chat with Kimmy Woods and Jen Smith. Ambica Serosinski flipped burgers in the one-act play, Greek Restaurant performed at the Winter Drama Fest

After an exhausting day, Amber Vankley paces around her hotel room in Indianapolis.

Saving Souls this Spring

Drama

Laughter rang from the audience as "Guys and Dolls" took the stage on May 2, 3, 9, and 10. All plays involve a lot more than just the people who can be seen acting, dancing and singing out a story. Everything from lighting to costumes to props all need to be figured out, sewn, or found. During this production, there were about 100 people who helped put the show together.

Even though "Guys and Dolls" had a shorter time, than other musicals, to get ready than ever before, it was a huge success, thanks to the longer rehearsal times, which sometimes ran on to 11:00! Joey Knudsen thought, "The rehearsals were tough and frustrating to get through..." Sara King thought, "Rehearsals were fun, but challenging. Yet, somehow we managed to pull

off a great show in a month."

During rehearsals, dinner was often brought in by one parent or another. One night, cast members were served "Salvation Army style" and had to wait in line to receive their food. Also, "Guys and Dolls" cast members did something different. Aside from them announcing show dates on the school announcements, the cast dressed up in their costumes to help advertise. They

"I think the whole cast put in very hard work to pull it off in the time we had. It turned out wonderfully," said Ann Vandermolen.

also had dice painted on their faces to signal their involvement with the show.

Many cast members were saddened when the show came to a close. Sean Lapsley said, looking back on the play, "It was beautiful."



Preaching on the streets of Chicago, Sara Kreischer tries to save souls.



Receiving a conspiratory elbow from Jason Bakker, Joey Knudsen is deep in thought.



Surrounded by gamblers, Jason Bakker sings, "Luck be a Lady."



Keeping a watchful eye on the gamblers, Tobi Junge interrogates Billy Perkins.

Sharing her hardships with the audience, Hallie Apple complains about her boyfriend.



Singing about the crap game, the gamblers gather around Joey Knudsen.



Posing for some gamblers, Jessica Holobowski and Amber Van Kley strut their stuff.



Helping Tidy the environment

Environmental

In today's society many people don't have the time to help clean up the environment. They'd rather leave it to someone else. That someone else is the Environmental Club. Founded by Sponsor Mrs. Prochno, the Club has planted trees and flowers around the school and in state parks.

The club had grown to over 30 members. "The Environmental club is a very good organization that really teaches the members about the environment and how we can improve it," said Senior Cindy Odle.

Environmental Action Club has done a tremendous amount of work. They started off by winning the best recycling program in Northwest Indiana and received a plaque from the head of the sanitation department. The program consisted of paper recycling, which was collected from bins located in every high school and middle school classroom.

"Environmental Action Club has helped keep paper out of the incinerator, and cans from the landfills that is why I enjoy the club so much," said club member Nick Leskiw. The club also had a recycling bin for cans in the cafeteria. Members collected and crushed them and took them to a recycling center weekly. "Environmental Club is definitely a club that has made me aware of the environment, but at the same time it's a lot

of fun and it's really interesting," said member Sarah Huckabay.

Old tennis shoes were the goal in October as members gathered the shoes, to be recycled into other products like basketball courts. In the winter the club headed down to Brown County to study some of the natural plant life and to go hiking.

Other things the club did included finding native plants in the area and planting them in the school court yards. In the community members went to some of the land that NIPSCO donated to the county for wildlife. They helped clean up the area and help return some of the native plants to the area. They also went to other wetland areas to build up plant species.

On April 15, the club continued to maintain the stretch along Highway 10 it adopted two years ago. The club also adopted a Whale for the third successive year. Late in the school year, the Environmental Club had a speaker come in and tell about the problems they were having in Lake County. The speaker urged the members to protest SCROD, a proposed landfill that would effect real estate prices and ground water. Recycling was one way for members to help eliminate the need for a new landfill.

"The Environmental club is a very good organization that really teaches the members about the environment and how we can improve it,"
Cindy Odle.



Collecting paper recyclables Lindsay Pendergrass does the weekly pick up.

Picking up her t-shirts in which the club sold, Amy Bickett, checks to see if her order was right.





Preparing to ride in the homecoming parade, Sarah Bapple, Michelle Navoy, April Van Kley, Sarah Battista, and Angie Leek demonstrate how the club is environmentally friendly.

Showing where they stayed on their trip, Krissy Cambe and Jasmine Jones point out the man who was responsible for saving the land now known as Brown County.

Taking a break from hiking, Karen Ford, Sue Ellen Jones, Krissy Cambe, and Jasmine Jones sit on a railing overlooking a trail.



Environmental club: Front Row: Becky Chase, Jessica Holobowski, Tricia Stubblefield, Sarah Battista, Jasmine Jones, Tricia Cusack, Row 2: Kim Rice, Ambica Serocinski, Kori Lynn Smith, Shelly Myers, Cathy Veden, Amanda King, Nick Snyder, Adam Bauman, Kimberly Jakich, Row 3: Missy Will, Nicholas Leskiw, Jesse Talley, Danielle Murray, Lindsey Pendergrass, Michele Navoy, Sara Lotz, Debra Howard, Krissy Cambe, Sarah Bapple. Back Row: Jason Bakker, Sue Ellen Jones, Jennifer Penninga, April Vankley, Lisa Kutscher, Frances Hilton, Colina Shirkey, Amber Smith, Mrs. Prochno.

Farming

Building leadership

FFA

Future Farmers of America won a first place trophy in the club with many competitions. Greenhand Demonstration contest and projects. During the winter, FFA test and in the Greenhand Extensive sold oranges, pink grapefruit and pomaceous Speaking Contest. apples. Cassie Inman took the top Jeremiah Rushmore and Steve Molden participated in quiz bowl at the district Greenhand contests. selling 55 boxes. Laura Norris did well at the

Other competitions included a Career Development contest and a small engine contest in which Jason Kopf and Troy Martin placed first in the district and eighth in the state. The participants were given one hour and fifteen minutes to assemble a Briggs and Stratton engine.

Another type of recognition was the FFA Sweetheart competition. Angelee Abbring was selected as the senior candidate and was declared winner based on her interviews with Jon Kamminga, Robert Greathouse, and Cassie Inman.

FFA member Jeremy Greshaw, placed first in the Creed Speaking contest. Keith Lessner

"I think FFA was successful last year because two members received American FFA degrees and Cassie Inman received a Hoo-sier FFA degree," said Mr. Inman.

A very important part of FFA is the learning of leadership. "The number one advantage of FFA is the different levels of leadership opportunities," said Mr. Inman. There were different officers elected for many different positions.



At an FFA convention, Keith Lessner, Jeremiah Rushmore, Cassie Inman, Tom Barcus, Brooke Inman, and Troy Adamchyk took a moment to stop and take a picture.



Listening to Gary Fritts, Steve Koselke listens about corn seeds.



Observing a small engine Jason Kopf and Mr. Inman make a few last adjustments.

During the 1996 state convention, Aaron Klemm, Cassie Inman, Laura Norris, Helen Hicks, Amanda Dunlap, and Steve Molden stand by an FFA stone.



FFA Front Row.: Laura Norris, Helen Hicks, Nick Prater, Keith Lessner, Travis Phelps, Jeremiah Rushmore, Row 2: Noelle Wiltfang, Jeremy Wireman, Cassie Inman, Jerry Fraley, Tom Barcus, Josh Oliver, Mr. Inman, Row 3: Steve Molden, Sean Murray, Steve Koselke, Jenny Kikkert, George Hamsira, J.R. Tuinsira.

Left: Sean Murray escorts Queen Angela Abbring from the floor.

Above Center: The Sweetheart Court: Sara King, Chris Halaburti, Angelee Abbring, Sean Murray, Cassie Inman, Mr. Disney, Kati Abbring, George Hamsira, Sandy Koselke, and Josh Oliver.



Striving for quality goals

F H A

Future Homemakers of America was a club that promoted good self-esteem. Raising funds through a bake sale and candy sales for the March of Dimes, members learned the importance of giving. Making fruit baskets for local nursing homes, shut ins, and elderly brightened not only the members lives, but also the lives of local senior citizens.

FHA hosted a district meeting on February 20. The meeting consisted of 15 schools. The meeting focused on building stronger families.

FHA consisted of eleven members and was sponsored by Mrs. Schroeder, who was also the child development teacher. Mrs. Schroeder has been the sponsor since the 1981-1982 school year. The club had activities in which the members were able to show that they were part of the club. "We had a red and white day in which the students wore the FHA logo," said Mrs. Schroeder.

Mrs. Schroeder taught the stu-

dents in her club that they should have a positive outlook on life. They also observed informative speakers who demonstrated this point. One of the speakers was Harriet Turk. She told club members how to reach their goal of excellence. She wrote a

book aimed toward teenagers and also directed her speeches at them. Another speaker was Jevan Thompson. He told club members that not everyone could look perfect.

The club also had five of its members go to a state convention in Indianapolis on April 17-

18. The students that participated in the convention were Stephanie Owens, Shannon Hancock, Danielle McMunn, Anna Arambula, and Mandy Beverly. They participated in such events as a Chapter Service Project and a Child Care Learning PAC. The girls all brought home bronze medals.

"You learn a lot about yourself. It's an experience I will never forget."

-Erica Coleman.



Working on the FHA scrapbook, Danielle McMunn and Stephanie Owens add a few more memories.





Danielle McMunn, Anna Arambula Mandy Beverly, Stephanie Owens, and Shannont Hancock joined by Mrs. Schroeder's sons, spend time shopping at the Circle Center Mall in downtown Indianapolis with Bugs Bunny and his date.

Showing their Fire Prevention Box, Shannon Hancock and Mandy Beverly demonstrate the importance of stop, drop and roll.



Above Middle: Front row, Danielle McMunn, Anna Arambula, Holly Estill, Lauren Hanewich. Row 2: Mandy Beverly, Steph Owens, Erica Coleman. Back Row: Jennifer Kopf, Luz Arambula, Stephanie Solich, Mrs. Schroeder.

After winning their medals at the Indianapolis state convention, Anna Arambula, Danielle McMunn, Mandy Beverly, Stephanie Owens, and Shannon Hancock stopped to let Mrs. Schroeder take their picture.

Accept Different Cultures

F Foreign Language Club

Oktoberfest. Mardi Gras. Cinco de Mayo. These were just three of the reasons for Foreign Language Club to have a party. Members participated in dancing and hitting a pinata as part of the celebrations. Foreign Language Club was a mixture of German, French, and Spanish students. All enjoyed the festivities at their meetings planned by Mrs. Carey. Jen Brasel explained, "We did a lot of different things at the meetings this year...It was a lot of fun and something to look forward to."

Sometimes, though, things had to slow down and business was taken care of. The club sponsored a fund-raiser in the fall to raise money for the scholarship that was awarded in the spring. A car wash and bake sale were conducted to earn money to send Lisa Groot and Susan Hinde to Spain and France. The girls had to pass a test and an interview before they were chosen. Susan Hinde spoke about the experience: "I'm really excited that I have the chance to go to France. I've always wanted to learn about foreign cultures first-hand...My interview was part French, part German and part English, because I also interviewed for the German program...I had to make a choice between French and German, but I chose French because it has always interested me."

In the spring, new officers were elected. President Mary Ahrendt gave up her position to Susan Hinde, while Holly Bristol was relieved of her duty as Vice-President by Elizabeth King. Adam Bristol took over Susan Hinde's place as secretary, and Elizabeth

King passed the treasurer's books to Jen DeYoung. After having been elected again, Elizabeth King said she was "honored to have been elected for two years in a row."

Other projects completed by Foreign Language Club included a field trip to Don Quixote, a Spanish restaurant in Valparaiso. A group of members went Christmas caroling at Little Company of Mary, a nursing home in San Pierre. They adopted a grandparent from the same nursing home. Melissa Howard explained the experience: "People in nursing homes need someone to talk to; someone to cheer them up. It makes me feel good knowing I am part of their lives. I wrote notes to them just to say hi or on special occasions. It was neat when they wrote back."

Foreign exchange students helped promote acceptance and diversity. Jan Hobza was from the Czech Republic. He stayed in the United States from August 1996 until June 1997.

Tobi Junge lived in Germany. He came to stay in this area in August of 1996 and left in June of 1997. He was involved in Drama Club, and portrayed Lieutenant Brannigan in "Guys and Dolls."

Joao Pinto came from Lins in southern Brazil in January of 1996. He was in the chorus of "Grease" and was very active in band. He learned to play the bass drum in marching band and the drum set in jazz band. He was also on the soccer team.

Marcel Grantitz was a native of Austria. He traveled here at the beginning of the school year and stayed until February.

"I'm really excited that I have the chance to go to France."

-Susan Hinde



Looking through her Spanish/English Dictionary, Dawn Veld prepares to play Scattergories in a different language.

Sharing some uncommon tree time, Joao Pinto tells Jill Garvey and Paula McIntire about Brazil.



Foreign Language Club

Front Row: Mary Ahrendt, Holly Bristol, Susan Hinde, Elizabeth King.
 Row 2: Doug Ruehl, Shanna Snyder, Jennifer Peo, Brianne Keiser, Janet Boon, Jill Garvey, Nicki Ryan, Dawn Veld, Becky Schreiner, Missy Torbitt.
 Row 3: Melanie Jonkman, Todd Moolenaar, Helen Hicks, Valerie Williams, Missy Will, Beth Strong, April Vankley, Sarah Battista, Martina Plopper, David Hancock, Jennifer DeYoung.
 Row 4: Joey Knudsen, Cindy Odle, Teresa Carr, Jen Brasel, Jennifer Spurgeon, Jennifer Trock, Melissa Banks, Kelli Orsburn, Ron Cates, Tracy Opolski.
 Row 5: Ambica Serocinski, Stephanie Krulik, Natasha Wall, Andrea Summers, Stephanie Barton, Diane Watson, Elena Burnaska, Matt Forsythe, Tom Fentress, Adam Bauman.
 Row 6: Mandi Richards, Danielle Murray, Melissa Howard, Katie Deardorff, Abby Guisinger, Michelle Bennett, Chris Dixon, Tim Anderson.
 Row 7: Lindsey Pendergrass, Bridget Barrera, Tobi Junge, Kristen Kruchowski, Cathy Veden, Shelley Myers, Sam Crawford, Matt Kovach, Angi Williams.
 Back Row: Caitlin Ritchie, Jessica Whitaker, Jessica Ramage, Marissa Green, Justin Shafer, Addam Bristol, Jimmy Walker, Tricia Stubblefield, Jess Holobowski, Becky Fox, Val Bahrnerth.



Relaxing on stage before rehearsal begins, Tobi Junge thinks about his time as an Exchange Student.



Waiting for clubs to begin, Sam Crawford and Susan Hinde can't wait to find out what is planned for the Foreign Language Club meeting.

Creativity

Designing new ideas

Mirage, Art, Quill & Scroll—

"The best thing about putting Mirage together was seeing how artistic the students of KV were," commented Editor of Mirage Tiffany Yenchus.

Mirage's 155 pages consisted of artwork, poems, and short stories which were created by students. Poetry is one of the best ways for some people to express themselves. Tiffany found out that being editor was a very educational part of her life. "I love to write poetry, but I found out that I enjoyed reading what other people had written," said Tiffany Yenchus.

Mirage did a lot more than just putting a magazine together. In addition to the magazine, Mirage staff put together a Death Day on the day before Prom. This was done in an attempt to persuade students not to drink and drive or use drugs on the nights of Prom or Graduation.

On May 16, over 200 students were chosen to be dead. They were not allowed to speak throughout the whole day. At the end of the day Mirage allowed members to read the students' obituaries.

National Pork Producers Council and Quill and Scroll congratulated journalism student Elizabeth King

for her winning entry "Cooks Serve Up Nutrition" in the NPPC/Quill and Scroll Nutrition Journalism Award Contest. She was eligible to apply for one of the \$500 Edward J. Nell Memorial Scholarships in journalism.

Art Club held an art show on May 22 in the cafeteria at 7pm for the first and second semester art classes. There were six awards. Mr. Apples "Principals Pick" was worth \$50. Secretaries Kathy Misch and Jill Kozak's "Purchase Award," "Best of Show," "Best of 3-D," "Best of 2-D," and "Peoples Choice" were other choice honors.

"Having had a chance to be involved in both Mirage and Art club was a great experience I will always remember."--Senior Gina Shanks



Editor Tiffany Yenchus and Stephaine Solich show their spirit as they ride along in the Homecoming parade.

Before displaying her mask at the Art Show, Raimie Truman-Forehand makes minor adjustments.





Voted best artists were Jimmy Staniper, Gina Shanks, and Tom Maxfield who is wearing his own designed tee-shirt.

Art Club: Front Row: Chris Shon, Michelle Benner, Nathan Mount. Back Row: Jeremy Swallow, Gina Shanks, Russell Shouse.



Designing signs for the Art Show, Tammy Engelhart and Kiki Kirklewski show off their artistic talents.

Mirage: Front Row: Gavin Bristol, Tiffany Yenchus, Kori Lynn Smith, Stephanie Solich, Mrs. Tucker. Row 2: Dandrew Nannenga, Brad Evert, Gina Shanks, Jamie Groen, Russell Shouse, Christopher Tall, Brian Hanewich. Row 3: Ryan Koslovsky, Jessica Ramage, Jessica Whitaker, Nicole Harper, Shannon Zeese, Ron Uyiaky, John Hesterman. Row 4: Adam Shafer, Scott Roelfs, Matt Spurgeon, Brian Berg, Chad Nally, Jeremy Rayner, Jaymee Simpson. Back Row: Jennifer Musch, Amanda Aichley, Nova Shepperd, Tessa Tilley, Greg Schiavone, Tara Patterson.

Billy Perkins sits patiently as his mask mold sets.



Dedication

Leads to Achievement

National Honor Society

"The best of the best," declared Mr. Floyd, describing the members of the National Honor Society at the annual induction ceremony. Thirty-one students earned membership. These students all had GPAs of 3.7 or above and were involved in at least two activities. They filled out an activity form and were chosen by a selection committee of teachers based on their scholarship, leadership, service, and character qualities. New member Martina Plopper "was thrilled to be selected to enter the National Society." She said, "it was a goal I have had since I was in middle school." Beth Strong added, "I am proud that I am in it."

"I really enjoyed helping in all our activities and being a part of the induction ceremony. It was a great experience."

-Lisa Groet

The induction ceremony consisted of lunch while the jazz band played, then a speech by Mr. Floyd. A candle lighting ceremony followed, during which the officers read short descriptions of each of the four requirements: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These officers were: President, Mike Nannenga; Vice-President, Lisa Groet; Secretary, Brianne Keiser; and Treasurer, Kim Bult. Lisa Groet explained, "It was a great honor for me to be an Honor Society officer. I really enjoyed

helping in all our activities and being a part of the induction ceremony. It was a great experience."

The new members were inducted before Mr. Apple spoke to the group. Seniors were presented with their cowls for graduation, and Mr. Michael, National Honor Society sponsor, ended the assembly with his special recognition of those who helped make the ceremony nice. He later commented on the great amount of time that everyone had put into this event.

This was Mr. Michael's first year as sponsor of the National Honor Society. He decided to let someone else take over his position after 15 years of sponsoring Student Council, although he still wanted to help with a club. His experience with NHS in Rensselaer and Mr. McAtee's resignation from sponsoring the club seemed to provide the perfect job as NHS sponsor. He didn't change anything about how the club was handled. He said he let Mike Nannenga have most of the control and he didn't plan on changing anything until he had a few years of experience.

Above middle: Presenting a senior honor cowl to Sherry Whitford; Lisa Groet, Brianne Keiser, and Janet Boon arrange the remaining cowls.

Clutching her program, Janet Boon joins classmates Laura Norris, Brianne Keiser, Sara Kreischer, Jen Brasel, and Lisa Groet in a final farewell to another year of excellent grades and companionship.



National Honor Society:

Front row: Angelee Abbring, Kati Abbring, Mary Ahrendt, Hallie Apple, Jason Bakker, Jeff Boer, Janet Boon, Jen Brasel, Kim Bult, Ryan Cornet. Row 2: Katie Deardorff, Rebecca Fox, Nicole Funston, Lisa Groel, Norma Haan, Amanda Hall, Kyle Hamstra, David Hancock, Susan Hinde. Row 3: Melissa Howard, Cassie Inman, Melanie Jonkman, Ondrea Kamminga, Rachel Kaper, Brianne Keiser, Elizabeth Kling, Sara Kreischer, Mike Nannenga, Matt Niemiller. Back Row: Mr. Michael, Laura Norris, Matt Norris, Cindy Odle, Nicole Ryan, Lauren Smith, Shanna Snyder, Elizabeth Strong, Jennifer Trock, Sherry Whitford.



Smiling: Donna Kamminga, Cassie Inman, Matt Niemiller, Angela Terborg, Norma Haan, Kim Bult, Melissa Howard, and Ryan Cornet gather after the NHS ceremony.

Above right: Thanking everyone who helped, Mr. Michael ends the ceremony. Above left: Accepting the flame from Jesse Talley, Brett Stubblefield gets ready to pass it on to Amanda Siphema.

Addressing the assembly, President Mike Nannenga introduces the officers.

Deadlines

Fighting to get the Computer

N ewspaper

Deadlines! Deadlines! Deadlines! With nine deadlines, nine staff members, and having to share three computers with year-book having their deadlines also, it was difficult to meet the deadlines. In order to meet the deadline the staff members came to school before and stayed after until they were done. This took a lot of dedication and over three hundred hours of extra effort. To keep the staff coordinated, Adviser Kathy McKinney, Editor-in-Chief Kimberly Jakich, and Business Manager Leslie Gentry worked together.

Newspaper students went to three competitions. They were in Franklin, Indiana for state competition, Chicago for fall National Competition, and Phoenix, Arizona for spring National Competition.

"I greatly enjoyed going to state competition. There was so much to learn, and I was happy to be there. Being at these competitions helped me to meet other people and see other parts of the

United States," said Angie Thomas.

"Even though I was not originally going, I had a great time. We went everywhere from 'Superstition Mountain' to Hard Rock Cafe, and of course classes. Our luggage ended up in Detroit, but all in all it was fun," said John Lerner.

"The trip (to state) had a big impact on how I designed my ads. It showed me how to draw attention to the advertisements and relate them to the student body. Over all the trip was very informative

and you really got to bond with the staff," said Leslie Gentry, business manager of the Spirit staff.

At the trip to the State Journalism Competition there were two newspaper winners. Sam Crawford won an honorable mention in News Writing, and Jimmy Stanper won third place in Editorial Cartooning.

At the Phoenix National Journalism Competition Mrs. McKinney won an award as a Certified Journalism Educator.

"The trip had a big impact on how I designed my ads. It showed me how to draw attention to the advertisements and relate them to the student body..."

Leslie Gentry



Working on the Senior Wills, Kevin Zuckley, tallies up the survey, and Sam Crawford and Becky Burkhardt work on the layouts for the last issue of the year.

Far right: Assisting Kevin Zuckley, Leslie Gentry shows him a layout design out of the layout book.



Discussing how they should make an entrance, Kevin Zuckley and Amanda Carnell, decide to add spunk with their outfits.



Showing school spirit during Homecoming week, Kimberly Jakich, Amy Bickett, Kevin Zuckley, and Tim Anderson represent the Newspaper staff in Mr. McKinney's truck, "Kougar Inferno."

Working intently on the computers, Angela Thomas, Amy Chester, and John Lerner utilize precious computer time.



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Angela Thomas, Amy Chester, Josh Nelson, Kimberly Jakich, Leslie Gentry, Kevin Zuckley, Amanda Camell, Becky Burkhardt, Sam Crawford, and John Lerner.

On the way home from State Competition Kimberly Jakich and Amy Chester lean on the school van while waiting for everyone to come out of Union Station in Indianapolis.

Reaching out to help others

Pathfinders, Pioneerz, Peer Facilitators

Pathfinder sponsor Mr. Hostetler along with about 75 members and the officers consist of president: Helen Hicks, Vice President: Katie Abbring, Senior Rep: Jamie Smith, Junior Rep: Liz King, Sophomore Rep: Jessica Bell, Freshman Rep: Simon Flory and Student Council Rep: Sara Kreischer. During their group meetings they read Bible passages and during the month of December they read Christmas readings.

P e e r
Facilitators is not your regular type of club, kids are trained to reach out and help others who are hurting. This club consists of 25 members, who are led by Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Carey, Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Price. Each peer facilitator must go through training before they can begin to help others.

Pioneerz is a group containing about 45 student which consist of 15 from the schools of Rensselaer, Tri - County and KV. Pioneerz as a group and as

"Pioneerz, a student service club, isn't 50 years old yet, but twice a year the Pioneerz do hold a two day retreat as a 50 year old celebration"

individuals chose to live freely of drugs and wrong doing. Their logo is Living a healthy life-style. Their main goals are to reach out to others knowing how to be a friend and when to listen and be appreciative. The leaders of the group stress being positive not negative and not to bring others down with you. Another important thing to stress is the gifts they have to give to one another by having a chance to be involved in the DARE program. Talking to younger students and telling them to choose a drug-free life is important.

Taking a two day trip to Camp Buffalo was quite exciting for the campers who experienced an afterwards look at what had just been a tornado. During their retreat they helped middle school students with problems, and each school discussed their goals they would like to make within their school.



Before leaving for their annual retreat to Camp Buffalo, the Pioneerz got a quick photo of the group.



While at Camp Buffalo just outside of the mess hall, Erica Greenwood points to the 50 year celebration of the camp.





In the Mess hall of Camp Buffalo they work in groups to prepare for a talk session to help the middle school students.

Pathfinders: Front Row: Sarah Battista, Sue Ellyn Jones, April Vankley, Dawn Veld, Melissa Cates, Mr. Hostetler. Row 2: Susannah Rawlings, Tracy Carr, Crystal Maize, Jenniter Spurgeon, Melissa Miranda, Katy Rohder. Row 3: Sara King, Amanda Mullins, Summer Johnson, Stacy Recker, Jen Baird, Jessica Bell, Angie Ferguson. Row 4: Erin Boer, Bridget Barrera, Tom Ferguson, Kelly Stamper, Becky Schreiner, Heidi Huckabay.



Pathfinders: Front Row: Mr. Hostetler, Angie Karch, Amber Kalut, Cassie Inman, Nathan Mount, Jenniter Peo, Shanna Snyder, Steph Soto, Suzi Drizk, Lauren Smith, Rachel Kaper. Row 2: Jamie Smith, Kim Bult, Lisa Groet, Nick Ryan, Janet Boon, Brianne Keiser, Jillian Garvey, Jennifer Kalut, Ron Cates. Row 3: Hallie Apple, Teresa Carr, Stacie Zeilenga, Missy Will, Valerie Williams, Todd Moolenaar, Jason Bakker, Martina Plopper, David Hancock. Row 4: Nathanael Wall, Sarah Huckabay, Melissa Howard, Laura Norris, Helen Hicks, Becca Hartzler, Katie Abbring, Kristi Swart. Row 5: Norma Haan, Luke Flory, Mike Nannenga, Paula McIntire, Ambicia Serocinski, Elizabeth King, Jennifer Trock, Brad Murray, Mattie Cobb. Row 6: Kyle Hamstra, Jennifer Ginzer, Dave Walstra, Kellie Orsburn.



Pioneerz: Front Row: Mr. Hughes, Mary Ahrendt, Aimee Beougher. Row 2: Luz Arambula, Stacie Zeilenga. Row 3: Elena Burnaska, Sarah Opolski, Mrs. Krejsa.



Peer Facilitation: Front Row: Mrs. Lunde, Katie Deardorff, Mary Ahrendt, Patricia Howard, Jamie Smith, Jason Bakker. Row 2: Helen Hicks, Lisa Groet, Brianne Keiser, Susan Hinde, Elizabeth King, Sara Kreischer, Martina Plopper, David Hancock. Row 3: Sarah Huckabay, April Vankley, Sue Ellyn Jones, Summer Johnson, Doug Ruehl, Jen Spurgeon, Melissa Miranda, Sarah Kennedy.

Traveling to Krefeld, Germany

G ermany

Touring castles and villages filled the summer of 1996 for Stephanie Barton, Angela Shultz, and Katie Deardorff, who spent seven weeks in Krefeld, Germany. Krefeld, "the city of silk and velvet", is in Nordrhein-Westfalen, near Belgium and Holland.

This trip was sponsored by Indiana University foreign exchange program. Thirty winners were chosen out of 600 people from Indiana. In addition to raising \$3,900, applicants had to take placement tests, have letters of recommendation, and be interviewed. To help defray the cost, German class had a raffle which netted a total of \$1,000. Area businesses like Radio Shack and American Legion Auxiliary also donated money.

In Germany, the girls at-

tended school for four hours each day. They were not allowed to speak any English. Through the program, Stephanie, Angela, and Katie learned grammar, culture, music, and literature.

Each week, the group would take one trip. Among the places they visited were Monchau, Bonn, Aachen, and a boat trip down the Rhein. They visited the town of

Munich, a two day trip at the end of their stay in Germany. Also seen was an art museum, a garbage processing plant, and a zoo. Angela said, "We went on trips to different cities, had parties, and made tons of new friends."

Angela gave this advice: "I would encourage everyone to be an exchange student. You mature so quickly, learn so much, and experience more than you could ever dream."

"I learned so much about the German culture and myself"

-Katie Deardorff



Performing a colorful dance at the farewell party, Angela and Stephanie dance with their group.

With the gate of the city behind her, Katie stands on the cobble stone street of an ancient German town.



"It was a terrific experience I will never forget! I would recommend to those who have the ability, to try out for this program."

-Stephanie Barton



"I could never thank Mrs. Masten and Indiana University enough for giving me such a wonderful opportunity to grow as a person."

-Angela Shultz



"My trip to Germany was the greatest experience of my life. I would love to go back."

-Katie Deardorff



Visiting the city of Manchau, Angela Shultz and Stephanie Barton look forward to a day of site-seeing.

Welcoming Katie Deardorff, the Mayor of Krefeld, Germany, stands in front of both the American flag and the German flag.



Bike riding with her host mom, Katie pauses for a rest in front of a wheat field.

Reach For Excellence

Speech and Spellbowl

Speech team began its season on November 23 at KV's TurkeyTourney. They competed in eight or ten more competitions throughout the year. Before each competition, the team would gather to practice by giving their speeches or preparing for their competition. Reflecting on the season, Joe Knudsen felt "That we did an okay job," while Tricia Cusack "Felt great."

Tricia and Angie Heid both advanced to sectionals at Crawfordsville High School on March 8 and competed in impromptu speaking. Tricia came in tenth place, and Angie came in ninth. They advanced to regionals on March 15 at Rossville High School. Tricia remarked, "I was glad that I could be there and compete. This was a great accomplishment for me."

Angie earned sixth place, which qualified her for the state competition. She went to Southport High School in Indianapolis on March 22 to compete. She commented on the experience: "I enjoyed competing at the state speech meet because I had a lot of fun and met several new people. I feel that I did well because I made it that far and I am only a sophomore. Also, I am only the second person in 11 years to go to state from KV."

To make it to state, Angie Heid obviously impressed the judges. The Speech team was judged too, but on their spelling instead of their speaking.

The Spellbowl team did the best it has ever done at conference and area competitions on October 8 and 21. Mrs. Price said

Brianne Keiser's performance was "phenomenal," as she spelled all the words right at area and only missed one at conference. Explaining her success, Brianne said, "I had friends on the team, which always makes things more fun. The food was also a plus because Mrs. Price is a great

cook." Brianne was referring to the dinner Mrs. Price baked for all Spellbowl team members. Justin Whitaker also did well and only missed two words at each competition. These two team members led the others to a second place at conference.

Susan Hinde described how the team prepared: "During Spellbowl practice, we basically read over the harder words and took practice tests. It was pretty fun, especially since we did so well for the first time in a long time."

Mr. Price and Mrs. Price coached the team for the first time. They made changes in order to have more efficient practices and go farther in competition. Their strategy was to put the best spellers at the beginning and end of the lineup to assure a respectable final score.

Elizabeth King summed up her attitude toward the entire experience: "Because I'm not spectacular at spelling, I enjoyed the challenge of being tested over difficult words, such as chamois or amoxicillin. I think if I had put in more time in studying the words, I would have done better at the competition."

"This was a great accomplishment for me."

-Tricia Cusack

"I enjoyed the challenge of being tested over difficult words..."

-Elizabeth King





Speech team

Front row: Angie Heid, Leslie Gentry, SueEllyn Jones, Sarah Battista, Tricia Cusack. Back row: Joey Knudsen, Jason Bakker, John Bell, Mr. Ladd.



Spellbowl team

Front row: Susan Hinde, SueEllyn Jones, Elizabeth King, Angie Heid. Back Row: Dawn Veld, Sarah Battista, Brianne Keiser, April Vankley, Mr. Price.



Displaying their ribbons, Sue Ellyn Jones, Tricia Cusack, Sarah Battista, Jason Bakker, Leslie Gentry, Joe Knudsen, and Angie Heid are proud of their performances at the first speech meet.



Following each others footsteps

FCA, Spirit, Varsity, Soccer

Kicking their way to new goals, girls' soccer club consisted of 19 members. Coaches Jen and Cindy Musch helped lead the new team through the first year. On May 12, it was decided that next year girls' soccer will be a sport. "I enjoyed playing soccer. Everyone worked hard & helped each other out as a team," said Kathy Gunter.

New members were elected by other clubs to be part of the Spirit Club. Led by Mrs. Steiner, President Tim Funston, and Vice President Mike Bozell, Spirit Club helped support members of clubs and sports by making banners and posters. During the football season, the club created a spirit block in order to

support the football team.

Varsity club was led by Mr. Greenlee and the officers: President Ryan Myers, Vice

President David Walstra, Treasurer Jeff Lauraitis. At the annual student vs. faculty basketball game, the students overtook faculty with a final score of 62-61.

To be able to be in the varsity club one must earn a letter. To earn a jacket an athlete

must have three major and two minors or four majors. To buy a jacket one must have two majors and two minors or three majors. It takes a lot of time and dedication to earn a jacket or a letter.

Soccer is an awesome and growing club. It takes a lot of skill and devotion. It's a fun, action filled club."

Jennifer Szabo



Soccer Club: Front Row: Kimmy Woods, Kim Rice, Angie Carr, Kelly Rineheart, Row 2: Nicole Vanvuren, Jill Vanderwood, Lynette Cornet, Coach Musch, Coach Musch, Susanne Rawlins, Sandy Koselke, Kathy Gunter. Back Row: Mary Ahrendt, Angie Conover, Gina Shanks, Becca Hartzler, Mandi Dinga, Nicole Harper, Jennifer Szabo, Laura Dowhen, Alicia Wright.



As of May 7, athletes were banned from running on the road. Discussing the rule with fellow runners were Andrew Nannenga and Chris Schaffer.



Stretching before a meet, Laura Norris has a laugh!

After 5:30 am swim practice, Bridget Barrera takes a break

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Front Row: Shanna Snyder, Rachel Kaper, Jennifer Pao, Dave Walstra, Lauren Smith, Steve Schoon, Brad Murray, Jilyan English, Zach Jesko, Tom Hobson. Row 2: Tracy Robbins, Brandon Annet, Brent Przybyski, Brian Kaluf, Angie Ferguson, Stacy Recker, Jen Spurgeon, Jeff Boer, Dan Nannenga, Melissa Banks, Elizabeth King, Kyle Hamstra, Darrell Dase, Jessica Bell, Jill Peterson. Back Row: Lisa Groot, Mike Nannenga, Douglas Ruehl, Jillian Garvey, Kylene Kramer, Jennifer Ginzer, Amanda Hall, Jamie Smith, Mr. McKay



Varsity: Front Row: Kyle Martin, Shanna Snyder, Rachel Kaper, Amanda Hall, Ryan Myers, Jennifer Pao, Jennifer Trock, Jilyan English, Paula McIntire. Row 2: Dave Walstra, Chuck Nannenga, Lauren Smith, Kari Deardorff, Jeff Lauralis, Mike Bahnerth, Billy Perkins, Melissa Banks, Angelee Abbring. Row 3: Jennifer Ginzer, Jennie Evans, Angela Tordborg, Norma Haan, Kyle Hanley, Jamie Smith, Lance Culp, Jill Peterson. Row 4: Summer Johnson, Megan Ginzer, Lyndsay Lauralis, Jen Spurgeon, Heidi Huckabay, Matt Niemiller, Katie Deardorff, Angie Ferguson, Doug Ruehl. Back Row: Stacy Recker, Jen Baird, Kyle Hamstra, Jeff Boer, David Hancock, Chris Scott, Ivan Hoffman.

Spirit: Front Row: Mike Bozell, Tim Funston. Row 2: Stephanie Cochran, Kari Deardorff, Jen Spurgeon, Jennifer Pao, Mrs. Steiner, Jennifer Trock, Missy Banks, Heidi Huckabay, Angie Ferguson. Row 3: Mandi Richards, Danielle Murray, Lindsey Pendergrass, Shayla Foley, Stacie Zeilenga, Shannon Zeese. Row 4: Tricia Stubblefield, Sara Kreischer, Martina Popper, David Hancock, Dave Walstra, Mel Howard, Beth Strong, Alana Zaremba, Sue Ellyn Jones, Dana Clark, Brad Murray. Row 5: Stephanie Krulik, Melissa Arambula, Jessica Holobowski, Aimee Beougher, Ambica Serocinski, Catherine Grube, Kaylynn Myers, Amanda Wilkins.

Voicing Students' Concerns

Student Council/SADD

"It helps to get the students' requests heard," said Sara Kreischer, in reference to Student Council. It took part in and organized many activities, including the Homecoming parade and other aspects of the Homecoming tradition. The council was responsible for the Miracle Tree and the coat drive, as well as the Mid-Winter Fest. Sara Kreischer explained, "I think the best project Student Council participated in was the Miracle Tree. All of the names were taken, which influenced a lot of children."

The coat drive was also very successful. Mrs. Price said "hundreds" of coats were collected—so many that they didn't know what to do with all of them. Mrs. Price and Mrs. Carey were co-sponsors.

Mid-Winter Fest was a week of optional spirit dress-up days that led to a pep session on Friday. Jason Granter was elected king, and class floats and banners were displayed. Anyone who had his/her picture taken with the Kougars helped Student Council raise money for Riley's Children's Hospital.

Council members led the student body in the Pledge of Allegiance each Monday morning. They also supported the boy's basketball sectionals by raising spirit. In all of these activities, members were led by President Amanda Hall and Vice-President Diane Watson, while Secretary Melissa Miranda kept track of their accomplishments and Treasurer Crystal Mance kept an eye on the financial side of things.

In January, members participated in the Student Council Exchange with Washington Township. Council members attended

the other high school for a day to see how it was different. They also attended the State Representative Assembly at which they voted for State Council Officers. No KVHS students were elected. Another project of the Council was the School Board Exchange. School Board Members were invited to come to school to observe classes. Looking back, Shanna Snyder stated, "Overall, it showed us how to work together and get things done."

Members of the Council listened to students' opinions, while SADD members made people aware of the issues about which students were concerned.

According to the new club sponsor, Mr. Price, SADD was "A group that informed the student body about destructive decisions and their alternatives." Mr. Price decided to sponsor this club because he wanted students to think about the outcomes of their decisions.

SADD is an acronym for Students Against Drunk Driving.

Officers were President Katie Deardorff, Vice-President Laura Norris, and Treasurer Cassie Inman. The club took part in the Red Ribbon Campaign during the week of October 28 through November 1. Red ribbons were worn by the student body and faculty, which showed their support for a drug and alcohol free school. A carload of canned goods was donated to the Food Pantry during the Spring Food drive.

"Some times it would be so easy to just go along with the crowd, but knowing that I've made a commitment to this club and the student body makes it easier to refuse," commented Laura Norris.

"Overall, it showed us how to work together and get things done."

—Shanna Snyder



Spending time after class, Council members Amanda Hall and Shanna Snyder discuss the School Board Exchange.

Speeding down the gym floor, Todd Moolenaar competes in a race for Mid-Winter Fest.



Student Council

Front Row: Melissa Miranda, Diane Watson, Amanda Hall, Crystal Mance. Second Row: Mrs. Carey, Melissa Howard, Jennifer Kalut, Shanna Snyder. Third Row: Sara Kreischer, Elizabeth King, Brad Murray, David Hancock. Fourth Row: Mrs. Price, Jill Peterson, Jen Spurgeon, Heidi Huckabay. Back Row: Stephanie Krulik, Bridget Barrera, Danielle Murray, Kaylynn Myers, Mick Snyder



SADD

Front Row: D. Andrew Nannenga, Amber Kalut, Cassie Inman. Second Row: Angie Kuhns, Melissa Howard, Angie Karch, Jennifer Trock, Mr. Price. Back Row: Lisa Groet, Elizabeth King, Brianne Keiser, Susan Hinde, Jenn DeYoung, SueEllyn Jones, Tiffany Jones, Katie Deardorff, Laura Norris, Jen Musch



Planning an anti-drug poster. SADD members Jen Trock, Amber Kalut, Elizabeth King, Laura Norris, and Melissa Howard spend time promoting positive ideas.



Discussing her concerns, Tricia Stubblefield asks Council member Sara Kreischer for help.

Helping Others through service

Sunshine

"Sort of." That is what Mrs. Price said when asked if she was ready for the responsibility of being the Sunshine Club cosponsor. Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Price's partner, knew what she was getting into, but was unprepared for the resistance from the girls.

Resistance?
Most members joined the club just to go to the dance. They did not want to do extra projects. Senior Donna Kamminga said, "I joined Sunshine because of the dance, but then they had us do service projects for the community, so it made me even happier I joined." Each member needed at least four service projects to attend the dance.

Service projects ranged from individual activities such as baby-sitting for free, baking a cake for a teacher, or doing yard work to group projects such as visiting a nursing home, throwing a Halloween party for kids, or having an Easter egg hunt.

"I think the service projects presented a good opportunity to serve our community and learn responsibility,"
Emily Prange.

Members also had to make a Christmas stocking and take part in the cheese and sausage fund raiser. Prizes for the fund raiser

were based on the number of items sold: 25 items sold = free tickets, 15 items sold = \$10 off the ticket price, and 10 items sold = \$5 off the ticket price. "I think the service projects presented a good opportunity to serve our community and learn responsibility," said Emily Prange. Jan Hamstra disagreed. She said,

"I think that the requirements of the service projects shouldn't be as strict." Additional projects were a car wash and bake sale. Money earned went to help other clubs financially.

Sunshine Club sponsored a staff breakfast and a doughnut breakfast for the whole school.



Taking a juice break, Stephanie Cochran and Becky Burkhardt wait for the remaining staff to come in for the full staff appreciation breakfast.



After consuming chocolate milk and a doughnut, Aimee Brougher joins friends at the Christmas breakfast which benefitted the food pantry.



Picking up their cheese and sausage orders, Shavonne Abbring and Michelle Bennet check to make sure they have everything.

MS



Senior Sunshine.

Front Row: Aimee Beougher and Norma Hani. Row 2: Shanna Snyder, Kelli Orsburn, Melissa Banks, Christy Bonniema, Christie Kaminski, Melissa Howard, Melanie Jonkman, Holly Bristol, Valerie Williams, Jill VanderWoude, Amy Chester, Sherry Whitford, Dana Clark. Row 3: Gina Shanks, Danielle Pierson, Jennifer Peo, Kori Lynn Smith, Nicole Funston, Lauren Smith, Rachel Kaper, Paula McIntire, Ambica Serocinski, Catherine Grube, Anjee Smith, Steph Soto. Row 4: Cindy Odle, Hallie Apple, Angelee Abbring, Amanda Hall, Angela Terborg, Kim Bult, Cassie Inman, Amber Kalut, Angie Karch, Leah Marshall, Kelly Beal. Row 5: Mary Ahrendt, Andrea Summers, Sarah Eenigenberg, Stephanie Barton, Jennie Evans, Karen Jonkman, Sara Lotz, Carrie Gregory, Nicole Gary.



Junior Sunshine:

Front Row: Becky Fox, Jill Garvey, Tonya Fulkerson, Diane Watson, Jennifer Musch, Tiffany Yenchus, Jessica Holobowski, Amy Bickett. Row 2: Jennifer Trock, Kendra Devries, Kati Abbring, Brianne Keiser, Janet Boon, Tricia Stubblefield, Ramie Truman-Forehand, Kylene Kramer, Jennifer Ginzer, Nicki Ryan, Jill Spurgeon, Susan Hinde. Row 3: Elena Bumaska, Cole O'Bryan, Angie Carr, Stephanie Cochran, Debra Howard, Jennifer Baggerly, Karne Sutton, Amy Schultz, Jerilyn Sherman, Heidi Bricker, Jillian Barrera, Kiki Kirkilewski, Helen Hicks. Row 4: Junelle Cox, Jaimie Van Wieren, Lisa Groet, Elizabeth King, Becky Lovett, Teresa Carr, Stacie Zeilenga, Amanda Hall, Martina Plopper, Sara Kreischer, Rebecca Chase, Laura Norris, Sarah Huckabay. Row 5: Becca Hartzler, Alana Zaremba, Kristi Swart, Missy Will, Stephanie Solich, Danielle McMunn, Stephanie Owens, Mandy Beverly, Jenny Forbes, Escarlene DeVries, Julie Forbes, Christen Simms.

Distribution of Sunshine orders requires regimentation. Observing Kathy Pollock sign for materials, Mrs. Price keeps tabs of all items.

Dressing For a Night Out

Sunshine

A lot of preparation went into planning for the big dance on Friday, December 13. Wahlberg's was chosen as the photographer. Prices were: Regency-\$32, Royal-\$26, and Economy-\$21. DJ was Shaun Szymborski of Spinnin' Productions. Yesteryears catered for the 200 couples. On the menu was ham, chicken, and mostaccioli. Vegetables included white potatoes, corn, and salad. Also enjoyed were rolls and Jell-O. Dinner was eaten in the middle school cafeteria. Couples then strolled over to the high school cafeteria to dance.

As they entered the cat-

etera, purple and silver streamers and balloons served as decorations. Officers: President Norma

Haan, Vice-President Jen Wians, Treasurer Kylene Kramer, and Secretary Aimee Beougher joined Mr. Price's, Mrs. Carey's, and Mrs. Price's classes in creating the decorations. A senior commented, "I thought the dance was a lot of fun. The food and music were pretty good, except there

needed to be more slow songs."

Another major night was the Mother/Daughter/Ideal Lady Tea on April 3. Members who chose an Ideal Lady went to the Tea to reveal their identity. Ideal Ladies and their Sunshine Girl exchanged gifts throughout the year.

"I thought the dance was great; my date and I had a lot of fun."

-Jen Trock



Showing off their Sunshine dresses, Christie Kaminski, Angie Karch, Amber Kaluf, and Cassie Imman cannot wait for the Dance to begin.



Joking around, Sundae Kubacki and Lauren Novak talk about their Ideal Ladies at the Tea on April 3.

Fastening Joe Kopanda's boutonniere before the Sunshine dance, Kiki Kirkilewski anticipates the beauty of the dance decorations.



Moving their arms, Katie Abbring, Leah Sharp, Jen Trock, and Shelley Myers dance to the Macarena.

Sophomore Sunshine: Front Row- Leila Pollard, Angie Heid, Chrissy Thomason, SueEllyn Jones, Sarah Battista, April Vankley, Jennifer Penninga, Dawn Veld. Row 2- Jennifer Granter, Mindy Spinner, Becky Schreiner, Amanda Coleman, Tracy Robbins, Christina Polomehak, Mary Sierk, Kimberly Rice, Lindsey Guanajuato, Valerie Verburg. Row 3- Kelly Stamper, Shayonne Abbring, Hannah Camell, Rachel Toppen, Danae Bailey, Shawnee Erway, Kristi Kamminga, Tara Howard, Katie Rohder, Heidi Hockabay. Row 4- Amy Bronski, Mandy Dinga, Chrissy David, Alicia Wright, Tracy Carr, Melissa Miranda, Crystal Mance, Jennifer Spurgeon, Melissa Gates, Angie Ferguson. Row 5- Amanda Wilkins, Amber Vankley, Lyndsay Lauraitis, Megan Gincer, Amanda Mullins, Amanda King, Summer Johnson, Jen Baird, Jessica Bell, Stacy Recker, Jill Peterson, Rachel Sorba. Back Row- Emily Prange, Crystal Williams, Jamie Evans, Amber McIntosh, Stormy Conley, Melissa Nommensen, Sundae Kubacki, Shelley Myers, Cathy Veden, Shannon DeVries, Dawn Patrick, Kimmy Woods, Candice Wilson, Amy Jamieson.



Freshman Sunshine: Front Row- Christina Shyan, Kristen Kruchowski, Danielle Karlowsky, Tessa Tilley, Angi Williams, Val Bahnerh, Lindsey Pendergrass, Danielle Murray, Mandi Richards, Kay Myers, Missy Torbit. Row 2- Jessica Lenz, Jennifer Williams, Lynn Hanley, Mandi Tognerelli, Melissa Trevisol, Jennifer Kopt, Jilyan English, Ashley Rewerts, Jeni Tillerna, Erin Boer, Bridget Roorda. Row 3- Sara Strong, Kelley Burroughs, Amanda Donis, Julie Davidson, Caitlin Ritchie, Bridgette Barrera, Marissa Green, Jessica Whitaker, Jessica Ramage, Nicole Kearney, Tracy Opolski, Jenn Deyoung. Row 4- Gale Franklin, Tiffany Lauraitis, Elizabeth Neely, Frances Hilton, Michele Navoy, Amy Hendricks, Kathy Pollock, Kathy Gunter, Jennifer Berry. April Chester. Back Row- Tiffany Jones, Heidi Niketh, Nicole VanVuren, Michelle Bennet, Rachel Hamstra, Amber DeVries, Lindsay Musch, Natasha Armstrong.

Top Quality

Improving the tradition

Kougar Pride Staff

Change was the key as yearbook staffers turned away from rulers and paper onto computers. Returning staff members, Amy Chester, Angela Thomas, and Tricia Cusack had to learn at a very quick pace the concept of designing a yearbook on a computer. "At the beginning it was hard (to switch to computers), but now I'm glad we did because we can do a lot more with the layout," Cusack.

Aldus PageMaker and Herff Jones's Page Master were the doors to the new technology as staffers learned short cuts and guidelines.

Two seniors, seven juniors, two sophomores, and five freshmen made up the Top Quality staff. Amy Chester presided over them as Editor-in-Chief with Tricia Cusack and Angela Thomas serving as co-Associate editors. Joshua Nelson designed the Sports layout. April Chester was in charge of business,

with the help of Bridget Barrera and Rebecca Lambert. People section staffers were Monique Grevenstuck; freshmen, Tiffany Lauritis; sophomores, Amy Bickett; juniors, Kimberly Jakich and Amy Chester; seniors, along with teachers' people Jessica Holobowski, Tricia Stubblefield, and Becky Fox.

Summer camp was held in North Manchester during July. Campers learned new ideas and got insights on making a yearbook on The Cutting Edge. Attendees were Amy, Angela, and Tricia.

During the fall, state was held in Franklin. Cusack won a

Harvey award for feature photo. Chester won an award for student life spread, and Thomas won a Harvey Award for Organizational spread. Nationals were held in both Chicago and Phoenix.

"Using computers brought a whole new outlook on designing the yearbook," AMY CHESTER



Using Herff Jones Page Master in order to create her business layout, Tonya Fulkerson adjusts the folios and corrects them to the proper size circles.

Right: After finishing her technology layout, Becky Lambert erases her name from the list as April Chester congratulates her for a job well done.





While on their way to the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, AZ, Joshua Nelson resets his camera while Rich Ammerman and John Lerner enjoy the ride in a limo.

During Beanie' Baby' Mania, Amy Bickett photocopies Monique Grevenstucks' baby seal from McDonalds.

Deciding on which layout to go with, Amy Chester and Tricia Cusack discuss their options



Joining honored advisors from across the nation, Mrs. McKinney accepts a certified Journalism Educator Award.



Pride Staff: Front row: Editor-in-Chief Amy Chester, Co-Associate Editor Tricia Cusack. Row 2: Co-Associate Editor Angela Thomas, Tonya Fulkerson, Amy Bickett, Kimberly Jakich. Row 3: Rebecca Lambert, Tricia Stubblefield, Jessica Holobowski, Becky Fox. Back row: Rich Ammerman, Joshua Nelson, April Chester, Tiffany Lauritis, Bridget Barrera, and Monique Grevenstuck.

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The Ad section. Oh, you can just skip this section because it's full of local businesses, right? Wrong! New features are filling the ad section to bring readers to the ads. Featured were the 1996-1997 historical events of the year such as O.J. Simpson getting back his children, the sexual harassment charges at the North Carolina Army base, the crash of TWA Flight 800, and the girl who was suspended from school for giving another child a Midol. These are just some of the highlights of the ad section.

Besides, without the local businesses support, there wouldn't be enough money to afford the production of the yearbook. The local businesses have the Thanks of the Pride staff for this strong support of the Kougat yearbook.

Of course, one can't forget the support of our student body and faculty who have through the years purchased a yearbook. Without their support the yearbook couldn't be afforded.

New business in towns is a sign of a growing community. DeMotte welcomed Family Express, Kallenbach's new building, and Super Wash. Although Demotte has lost Val Department store, it has been replaced by Alco. Along with the growing community came Quick Lube which is now a part of Quick Stop and the Marathon Gas Station, which has been under construction for 1 1/2 years, finally opened to the public. It also included a Sub Express and Chicago Style Pizza.

With the newly designed ads and restructured layout, the ad section has become **QUALITY BY DESIGN.**

Right: While smiling out in the hallway, Jason Bakos, Ardenice Abbring, and Hallie Apple study for their Economics Oral exam.

Selling Advertisements was an important aspect for producing the yearbook. Rich Ammerman contacts one of the many businesses who helped produce this yearbook.



While doing important documents Attendance Secretary Jill Kozak and Debbie Turpin talk about their daily routine.

Right: After being chosen the winner of the \$1 raffle held to benefit Sandy Middlecamp, Bridget Barrera cuts Mr. Greenlee's hair.





Awaiting thousands of dollars in fundraiser monies in addition to school fees, Mrs. Ryska clears her desk and readies her pen and ledger



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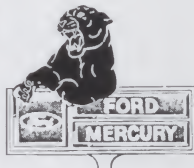
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 TRICIA CUSACK AT
 YEARBOOK CAMP.

Colophon

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CLASS OF 1997





Top: Devin Simmons, Paula McIntire, Rachel Kaper, Mike Nannenga, Kim Bult, and Stephanie Barton. Left: Jeff Ramey and Jason Kopt. Above: Nathan Mount and B.J. Moore.

SAYING GOODBYE TO HIGH SCHOOL AND HELLO TO THEIR NEW LIVES



Top: Christy Bonnema and Valerie Williams. Top Right: Amy Chester and Mr. Bill DeVries. Left: In memory of Andrea Hyatt. Center: Norma Haan and Mr. Hoover. Right: Aaron Klem.





Above: Shawnee Erway discovers that she has a grey M&M in her bag. This entitled her to a six month supply of M&Ms.

Right: Working on her science project, Jennifer Systma records her data.

Far right: Trying to decide on a play to perform for Mrs. Steiner's Drama class, Dana Clark experiments with her options.



TOP QUALITY

With Seniors counting down the remaining days of school, Juniors waited to inherit the reputation of a Senior: "Top dog." Sophomores anticipated the freedom of a driver's license, and Freshmen waited for the day that they no longer would have to hear themselves being called the dreaded name "Freshmen".

As the students were faced with unforgettable memories, they also encountered changes. No longer would Dave Hart have to sit outside in the cold, rainy weather to sell tickets to a baseball game. Mr. McDowell's class worked hard on a new ticket booth in which a ticket seller would collect tickets to all football, baseball, and track events.

A new pump was also installed due to the old one's inability to pump the needed amount of water into the system.

Also making history was Mike Nannenga who became the first graduate to ever attend Notre Dame.

Memories were made by Blyde Jungels when he interpreted THE INFERNO through the use of blazing Barbie dolls and Beanie Babies, and Laura Norris created the three headed dog with the use of Pound puppies and puppies.

On May 1, biology students were given a vial of liquid. Sharing three drops with three classmates, students simulated the passage of HIV and STD's. At the conclusion of the experiment, a solution was added which identified how the HIV virus had spread and who had originally started the spread. According to sophomores, "It was scary."

Paper, pen, textbooks, speeches, trips to Saint Louis, Kansas, Phoenix, Chicago, Atlanta, singing teachers, scholarships, Towering Infernos, bake sales, car washes, cleaning up the highway, hiking, visits to Presidents, collecting food, selling candy, making friends, attending support groups, participating in morning basketball programs and competing led the school through an excellent PBA rating and certification which created a quality school in a quality community.

After all of these changes, Pride has documented a school with **TOP QUALITY** achievements as well as **TOP QUALITY** accomplishments, goals, and objectives.



Discussing the next chapter's topic, Stephanie Kruik and Kayleen Myers try to complete their project in Mrs. Slaby's class.



Taking time out of the Sunshine dance, Jason Bakker takes a drink of fruit punch as Candy Odle waits patiently for Jason to finish eating.

TOP

QUALITY

While attending the Journalism convention in Phoenix, Ariz. Christi, Amy Bickel, Rach Annemman, Tricia Lusick, Joshua Nelson, and John Lerner stop to take a picture near the cactus on the Gold Mine Tour path.



As you read and flipped through the pages, the Kougar Pride staff hoped that you found it to be one of **TOP QUALITY**. It has covered the many different angles and aspects of the year such as the upcoming changes and the teacher negotiations. With the newly designed sections and better coverage of the staff, faculty, and student body, it became a one-of-a-kind book.

One life-touching event occurred one month before the year came to a close. The teachers began a nasty battle with the school board over a new contract. They began picketing school board meetings in late April as well as passing out flyers at Tysen's. Many also began to stand outside of the building until 7:45 A.M. as well as leaving the building at 3:30 P.M. as stated in their contract. There also were rumors that the teachers were planning to strike on May 1 if they still had not reached an agreement. If this rumor would have come true, it meant that Seniors would not be able to graduate on June 1st and that summer school and drivers ed would have been cancelled. Teachers worked since Sept. 1 without a contract. Thank goodness the strike didn't occur, and you are able to read this completed book, and relive the memories again and again.

Saying Goodbye to the old way of Sectionals as we knew them was Heidi Huckabay, Emily Prange, Dancie Bailey, and Rachel Toppen who also were saying hello to the new Class system. KV will be in Class 3 along with Twin Lakes, Rodchester, West Lafayette, Benton Central, and Rensselaer.





1997 Kougat Pride Staff

“I feel I have been successful in most everything I have accomplished. I do admit I slip up and make mistakes, but that is part of being successful, learning from your mistakes. All I ask is for people to see it only as a minor glitch that can be worked out,” Tonya Fulkerson, sports.



“I think the key to success is to work hard and strive for your goals. Never give up on life,” Tiffany Lauraitis, sophomores.



“I can consider my whole high school experience a success. In these four years, I accomplished a lot more than I had expected in many things; editor of the Kougat Pride, reporter for the Spirit, playing clarinet and saxophone in the band, and being president over Quill & Scroll,” Amy Susan Chester, editor-in-chief.



“,” Rich Ammerman, sports.

“I feel I haven’t reached success in my life yet, but after I graduate, I’m sure I’ll find it,” Bridget Barrera, advertising.



“I thought joining yearbook would be easy, but it gave me a lot of challenges and goals, and I just worked toward it,” Amy Bickett, juniors.



“I believe that I’m successful from the many activities I’m in, like yearbook and speech. They taught me responsibility and to keep striving for excellence in my work; which in turn I achieved success in my life,” Tricia Cusack, co-associate editor.



“Success is when I accomplish something I’ve been working hard at, and being proud of what I’ve done,” Tricia Stubblefield, clubs.


“Success is believing in yourself and being able to stand up for what you believe in,” Becky Fox, clubs.

“Success isn’t necessarily a “good” grade or a nice part (in a play). Success is more of a realization that you believed strong enough in yourself to accomplish what you once thought to be impossible,” Jessica Holobowski, clubs.




“I feel successful because I have achieved something that no one in my immediate family has achieved. That is a high school diploma, and that I am going to college,” Kimberly-Marie Jakich, seniors.




"Success to me means to be your best you can be and achieve far in life," Monique Grevenstuk,  freshmen.

"I am successful in colorguard, winterguard, and life, but not in everything," April Chester, business editor.

"Kunja bring success to me. Kunja is a concept that involves perfection in all aspects of life. I strive for that perfection in my life. That brings me success," Joshua Nelson, sports editor. 

"I think you can be successful in life if you try your hardest and don't give up on what you are trying to achieve," Rebecca Lambert, advertising. 

"Success in my life has come from all unexpected sources; for instance, I didn't expect to be an associate editor of the yearbook during my sophomore year. I have also found success in working in the nursing home, writing in the newspaper, and just plain writing. Finally, I can say I am in complete control of my destiny, and my actions, and that to me is my success," Angela Susan Thomas, co-associate editor. 

"Success is achieved when you understand that quality over quantity always wins," Mrs. McKinney.

"We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education," Martin Luther King Jr.

